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The Southern Section

“EGYPT”

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Her Principal Towns and  
Their Progressive Men.

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#### PREFACE.

Every American citizen must be proud of the state of Illinois and every reader of the world's history those more so among generations yet unborn, will in scanning the New World's progress dwell with especial pleasure upon those pages which will speak of Illinois and her people.

In the Greek confederacy the state of Attica, of which Athens was the capital, was the leader, and its people were eminently proud of their record. So did a Roman take just pride in being one and equally so with an inhabitant of Rome or Athens must a citizen of Illinois feel happy that he is a resident of this state, be he so by birth or by adoption.

The unlimited resources of Illinois were nature's gift and the people of the state have shown a wonderful intelligence and a most admirable energy in seeing and developing them. By the proper application of it and by the exercise of a degree of ambition not surpassed by any people in human history have they risen to this commanding position.

When our Republic was fifty years old the Red Indian's wigwam and the Buffalo herd were the standard features of the state. Now she is the third state in the American Union in population—3,826,351—and wealth, and the plow, the chisel and the spade, deftly guided by human civilization have made her the granary and market for the world, reared cities and edifices rivalling the Pantheon or Colliseum and forming great works, which have wrought good in the economy of life commensurate with that of the Suez canal or the Appian way.

While in art she has not had the opportunity of accumulating treasures for hundreds of years, in building she is more pretentious than any state. The name of her metropolis (Chicago) is respected in the commerce of the entire world and as a political, educational and social factor the people of Illinois exert an influence second to no state in national affairs.

In war, as in material progress, she stands likewise in the front. The two heroes of the civil war, Lincoln and Grant were her sons and from the confines of the state, would the government have accepted volunteers, would have been furnished all the soldiers asked for during the first two years of the war.

Illinois will never rest till she enjoys the title of the first state of the Union, in commerce, agriculture, manufactures, politics, finance, education, art and religion.

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## GEOLOGY.

As men, like plants, take many of their characteristics from the soil, as well as the climate, on which they live, it is proper for us to first say a word about the geology of the state.

The oldest geological formations have not been thrown near enough the surface in Illinois to be counted. The Silurian age the third oldest formation is well represented by "Niagara" limestone found over a large extent of country in northern Illinois beyond the limits of the coal fields. It is a compact grayish stone susceptible of a high polish and is in some places extensively quarried for building purposes. The Capitol at Springfield is built of it. Gaiena Limestone, another Silurian deposit is interesting from the fact that it contains the lead and zinc ores of the state; St. Peters sandstone belongs also to this system. Besides the outcropping in a number of other localities, it appears in the bluffs of the Illinois river and it forms in it, the island plateau known as Starved Rock. In some localities being composed almost entirely of silica and nearly free from coloring matter it is the best material in the west, for the manufacture of glass.

In the disturbances made closing the next or Devonian age, additions were made to the surface of Illinois. The main formations are known in the state as the Devonian Limestone and the Oriskany sandstone. There are prominent outcrops of the former in the bluffs of the Mississippi, Rock and Illinois rivers. It contains a great variety of fossils and is used for building material and the manufacture of quicklime. The Oriskany appears in Union, Alexander and Jackson counties and is used to some extent in the manufacture of glass.

The Carboniferous Age opened with the deposition of widely extended marine formations. The winter temperature near the poles was 66 degrees, a stifling atmosphere rested over the entire part of the globe, known today as North America, the McKenzie river now filled with icebergs, then flowed through verdant banks to a coral sea, having the same temperature as the Gulf of Mexico at the present day.

The great feature of this age was the formation of Coal.

Being carboniferous vegetable tissue the material furnished for this purpose was the vast forest accumulations peculiar to this period. Vegetation, commencing in the former age, had now attained an expansion which greatly exceeded the growth of prior or subsequent times. Invigorated by a warm moist and winterless climate with an atmosphere surcharged with carbonic acid gas, vast jungles spread over the marshy plains and impen-

etrable forest covered the slopes and heights. The graceful lepidodendron, now fully developed, was one of the principal coal producing plants; subserving the same purpose and associated with it was the gigantic conifer, a member of the pine family. The fern another coal plant grew to a height of 80 feet. Its trunk, regularly fretted with scars and destitute of branches, terminated in a crown of foliage rivaling that of our palm in profuseness and beauty. The sigillaria however, as it contributed most largely to the production of coal is the plant whose outlines have been most largely preserved to us as the characteristic growth of the period. The trunk, which rose 40 to 60 ft. high from its alternate flutings and ribs, appeared like a clustered column. At an altitude of 25 to 30 ft. it separated into branches, covered with a grass-like foliage intermingled with long catkins of obscure flowers or strings of seed arranged in whorls about a common stem. One, 5 feet in diameter, was surrounded by a bark 13 in. thick; within this was a cylinder of wood 12 inches in thickness and at the center a pith 10 inches in diameter. Such a tree would be useless as timber, but the bark was impervious to mineral solutions and valuable for production of coal. The calamites, growing with the sigillaria, covered with dense brakes the marshy flats, their hollow stems, marked vertically with flutings and horizontally with joints, grew in clumps to a height of 20 ft. Some species were branchless, while from the joints of others sprang branches subdividing into whorls of branchlets.

The vast accumulations of vegetable matter from these and other carboniferous plants, either imbedded in the wiry soil in which it grew, or swept from adjacent elevations into shallow lakes, became transformed into coal. It has been estimated that 8 perpendicular feet of wood were required to make one foot of bituminous coal and 12 to make one of anthracite. The process of its formation was exactly the same as practiced in the manufacture of charcoal by burning wood under a covering of earth. Vegetable tissue consists mainly of carbon and oxygen and decomposition must take place, either under water or some other impervious covering, to prevent the formation of carbonic acid gas and thus escaping to the atmosphere. Conforming to the requirements, the immense vegetable growths forming the coal fields subsided with the surface on which they grew and were buried beneath the succeeding deposits. Nova Scotia has 76 different beds and Illinois 16; consequently in these localities there were as many different fields of verdure overwhelmed in the dirt beds of the sea.

The coal fields of Europe are estimated at 18,000 square miles, those of the U. S. at 150,000. The Alleghany coal-field contain 60,000 sq. m., with an aggregate thickness of 120 ft. The Illinois and Missouri 50,000 sq. m. and an aggregate thickness of 70 ft. In Illinois three fourths of the surface is underlaid by beds of coal and the state has a greater coal area than any other member of the union. There are 16 different beds, the two most important of which are each 6 to 8 ft. in thickness. The entire carboniferous system, including the coal beds and the intervening strata in Southern Illinois is 17,000 ft. in thickness and in the northern part only 500.

As a coal producing state Illinois is the second in the Union, Pennsylvania being first. The proportionate output of the state as compared with Ohio and West Virginia is for 1889:

Illinois.....	12,000,00 tons.
Ohio.....	9,000,00 "
West Virginia.....	6,000,00 "

For 1892 the output of Illinois is placed by the state report at 17,862,276. There are 829 producing mines in the state, 25,321 miners, besides 8000 boys and helpers. The largest single mine puts out 306,000 tons. The amount of wages paid in the state is \$9,000,000 yearly. Some 2000 mules are employed in these mines.

The average wages paid per ton in the state has steadily declined in the last ten years as follows:

1883.....	\$0.802
1884.....	.783
1885.....	.725
1886.....	.676
1887.....	.727
1888.....	.717
1889.....	.731
1890.....	.683
1891.....	.715
1892.....	.718

while the price of the coal has declined in proportion still more as shown from the following table per ton of lump coal:

1882.....	\$ 1.51
1883.....	1.48
1884.....	1.26
1885.....	1.17
1886.....	1.10
1887.....	1.08
1888.....	1.12
1889.....	1.07
1890.....	1.01
1891.....	1.00
1892.....	1.02

The cost of mining dollars worth of coal in 1883 was 54 cents, in 1892 it was 69 cents.

Next to the immense coal deposits the "Burlington," "Keokuk" and "St. Louis" limestones are the most important representatives of the geological age. The first used for quicklime and building stone is specially known to geologists as containing more fossils of Crinoids than any locality in the world. The Mormon Temple at Nauvoo, the post-office at Springfield and other post offices in the state were built of the "Keokuk." The finest lime in the world is made out of the St. Louis limestone.

The Saurians of the age of the reptiles do not seem to have inhabited the land now embraced in Illinois. In this age the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers took their present location, joining at Cairo and emptying a few miles below into the sea.

Of the age of the Mammoths, in Illinois has been unearthed some of the largest animals. In this same time the coral insect built out the Florida

peninsula, the Rocky Mountains were upheaved, the Missouri and its numerous tributaries were enlarged and the ocean receded to its present limits of the Gulf of Mexico.

During the ice period which followed, the present flat surface of the state was entirely laid. In the north of the state the deposits left by the melting icebergs are 200 ft. thick and these gradually become thinner till in the extreme south the glacial rocks are not more than 10 ft. thick.

On the top of these come the prairies of the manner of whose formation two theories, entirely opposite, have been advanced. One supposes that the entire surface was covered by shallow water, the overflow of rivers, forming great marshes where vegetation formed soil and where it is more recent, loam, the latter known as bottom land. The other theory pre-supposes an absence of water, arguing from the present observations which show that the greatest rainfall is on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and our great lakes, where our trees are less in the prairie states of the Mississippi and Missouri Valleys, the home of our grasses and cereals and still less in the arid deserts of Colorado and Arizona where nothing will grow without artificial water supply.

#### GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION, RIVERS AND SURFACE.

Illinois is one of the states formed out of the "Northwest Territory." It was admitted into the Union in 1819 being the 21st state in such order. Commencing at a point on the east bank of the Mississippi River its boundary runs east on a line 42 deg. 30 min. N. lat. to the western shore of lake Michigan, thence south by this shore to the Indiana line continuing down the same to the Wabash river thence to its junction with the Ohio, down this river to the Mississippi, which last river forms its entire western boundary. It forms a vast plain with its highest section in the north at Lake Michigan, thence it imperceptibly declines to the southwest in which direction its principal rivers flow to the Mississippi.

Before proceeding further we would draw our reader's attention to the state's grand position as being the greatest water commerce state in the American Union. Chicago is the center of traffic on the Great Lakes, around the Illinois towns on the Mississippi and Ohio pulsates the shipping life of these great rivers. Now admitting this, observe the following statistics from the government reports.

Water Freight Traffic of the U. S. for 1889.	
Atlantic Ports	Tons, 77,000,000
Gulf "	2,000,000
Pacific "	5,000,000
Great Lakes "	53,000,000
Mississippi Valley "	29,000,000

Tonnage of Vessels Engaged.	
Atlantic	2,794,440
Gulf	77,000
Pacific	441,939
Great Lakes	926,380
Mississippi Valley	3,393,360

The reader can make his own addition and deductions and discern if as much money is not turned over and as much labor employed in our vast inland commerce on our water courses alone, as is in our foreign commerce, much of which is in foreign bottoms and by foreign labor.

This predominant position, fully taken advantage of by her energetic sons, is one of the great causes of Illinois having risen from twenty-first place, to rank third in wealth and population of the states in our Union.

A small tract of land in the northwest including the lead mines is hilly and there are bluffs along the Mississippi, three and four hundred feet high. A ridge extends across the south end of the state, constituting the fruit district of the region, called "Egypt" on account of its never failing fertility. On this ridge or swell of clay land are grown all the varieties of berries, grapes, plums, peaches, apples and all kinds of vegetables in great profusion.

Excepting along the rivers and where there has been extensive tree planting, the greater part of the state consists of a vast level or slightly undulating prairie. Much of this has been reclaimed from swamp land, by systematic drainage and is found to be the strongest and most productive soil in the state. To the eye the surface of Illinois is as level as an ocean in calm. The general slope of the watershed faces the southwest and rarely exceeds one foot to the mile. The fall of the Illinois river in a course of 300 miles is for most of the distance but 1 inch to the mile. The principal rivers of the state are the Rock, which enters the Mississippi just below the upper rapids; the Desplaines, rising in Wisconsin and the Kankakee rising in Indiana, join to form the Illinois, which empties into the Mississippi some miles above St. Louis; the Kaskaskia enters the same river at Chester,

#### SOIL AND AGRICULTURE.

Not attractive in itself, yet from its productions the soil of Illinois far transcends the most elaborate work of art. It has but little diversity of appearance, yet the endless variety of color and species of the vegetable kingdom spring from its prolific power of giving. Its mysterious elements, incorporated in the structure of plants, clothes the earth with verdure and pleasant landscapes. They bloom in the flower, load the breeze with fragrant odors, blush in the clustering fruit, whiten the fields with harvests for food, furnish the tissues which, wrought into fabrics, decorate and protect the body, and yield curative agents for healing disease.

As we have stated already, almost the entire surface of the State is a structure of drift laid down by the melting glaciers of the "ice age," and formed by the decomposition of every variety of rock, commingled in a homogeneous mass, and so happily precluding the possibility of sterility, which would arise from the soil being made from one kind of rock.

Thus no other country of the same extent on the face of the globe can boast a soil so ubiquitous in its productiveness. This splendid soil, forming deposit is another possession of Illinois which is making her the center of American wealth and population. Enriched by all the minerals in the crust of the earth, it necessarily contains a great variety of constituents. Since plants differ so widely in the elements of which they are composed, this is the means of the soil of Illinois giving such a diversity and abundance of crops. So great is the fertility that years of continued production do not decrease the yield and should sterility be in-

duced by excessive working, the subsoil can be made available. This extends from 2 to 10 and 20 ft. in depth and when mixed with the mold of the surface gives it a greater producing capacity than it had at first. Other states have limited areas as productive, but the entire surface of Illinois is arable, the plow can be driven through it for miles without meeting an obstruction and when all is brought under cultivation it will present one continued scene of verdure and agricultural plenty.

With not half its area improved the state has become the granary of the continent, it far excels any other member of the Union in packing pork, fattens more than half the cattle shipped to the eastern market, is equalled by only one other state in her production of the great staples corn and wheat.

Graded to a proper level and free from obstructions, Illinois has become the world's theatre for the use and invention of agricultural implements. Owing to the cheapness attending the use of machinery with a given amount of capital a greater extent of land can be cultivated. The severity of the labor expended is also proportionately diminished and those engaged in husbandry have time to become acquainted with the theoretical as well as the practical part of their duties. The profound philosophy involved in the growth of plants furnishes a field for investigation and experiment requiring the highest order of talent and the most varied and extensive of attainments. Thus with the knowledge of science, a superior soil and the use of machinery, agriculture will always remain the most attractive, manly and profitable branch of industry in which the people of Illinois can engage, contributing more than any other pursuit to individual comfort and proportionately adding to the prosperity of the state. The cultivation of the soil in all ages has furnished employment for the largest and best portion of mankind, yet the honor to which they are entitled is seldom fully acknowledged. Poets, artists and historians spend much talent on war and love and not so often speak of the great community of which it is written. "He who makes two blades of grass grow where but one grew before is greater than he that winneth a battle."

The farmers of Illinois attend very little to "rotation of crops" so necessary in Europe, in our eastern, southern, northern and indeed in all except our "prairie" states. One cereal is planted twenty years in succession, a change only being made when the market price of some other cereal promises greater profits. Upon any sign of exhaustion the soil's productiveness is restored by deeper plowing, grassing or over small patches with stable manure. As a hay producer the soil of Illinois is unequalled in the world. One half of the hay handled in Chicago comes from the wild grasses of the state, which are considered just as good as cultivated grass. In half a century there has not been a failure of crops; twice in that time there has been insufficient rain, twice too much rain and once a frost in summer, but the injury in no single year was so wide spread as to cause general distress among farmers.

While Illinois with her sister states in the Mississippi Valley, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin form the world's granary, we find that in agricul-

turali productions per acre she is not surpassed by their more virgin soils nor by the highly cultivated lands of the older states. The following figures are from the U. S. census and in them we give only those which show better results than Illinois.

## BARLEY.

	34	Bushels per Acre.
Montana.....	34	" "
Wisconsin.....	32	" "

Illinois.....	28	" "
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## CORN.

Iowa .....	41	" "
New Hampshire..	41	" "
Massachusetts...	39	" "
Vermont.....	40	" "
Nebraska.....	39	" "
Illinois.....	36	" "

## OATS.

Iowa.....	39	" "
Wisconsin.....	37	" "
Illinois .....	35	" "

## RYE.

Minnesota.....	19	" "
Ohio.....	16	" "
Illinois .....	15 1-2	" "

## WHEAT.

Montana.....	23	" "
Nevada.....	22	" "
Colorado.....	22	" "
Kansas.....	19	" "
New England....	19	" "
Idaho.....	18	" "
New York.....	18	" "
Washington.....	17	" "
Utah.....	17	" "
Illinois.....	16 1-2	" "

Illinois produces more wheat than any other State. She produces more flax fibre than any State in the Union; in 1890, 57,000 lbs.

Outside of Kentucky she is the only hemp-growing State, having 1,200 acres planted in it. She has her full proportion of seed farms and nurseries compared to other States which make a specialty of them.

Illinois has more horses and mules than any State in the Union. Comparison with other States which use these quadrupeds largely shows as follows:—

	Horses.	Mules.
Illinois.....	1,335,000	106,000
Iowa.....	1,312,079	40,000
Texas.....	1,025,000	220,000
New York.....	664,000	4,000
Pennsylvania .....	618,000	26,000
Ohio.....	886,000	18,000
Missouri.....	946,000	245,000

Most of the Southern States have more than 100,000 mules, which are their principal beasts of burden.

## CLIMATE AND A FEW WORDS ABOUT CORN.

Illinois, in common with countries of the same latitude, has four seasons. The melting snows of winter generally accompanied by rains, convert the rich soil of the prairies into mud and render early spring the most unpleasant part of the year. The heat of summer is more intense than on the Atlantic and is relieved by the constant breezes which fan the prairies. The long autumn extending from August to Christmas, affords the finest weather for harvesting the many and varied products of the state. Owing to the flatness of the country and the uniform and abundant fall of snow, sleighing is much resorted to in winter. How-

it happens that the state should have had a name for biliousness and malaria the writer fails to see, as there are no marsh lands and the weather is changeable enough to drive away biliousness.

The most distinguishing feature of the climate is the sub-tropical summers and the arctic severity of its winters. Arrivals from a southern or more uniform climate are apt to grumble at this, but a short residence in the country will convince them that without it the finest fruits and plants could not be cultivated and matured. Owing to this tropical element of the summer the peach, grape, sweet potato, cotton and corn readily mature; in England where the mean annual temperature is higher none of these plants will grow. This is especially noticeable in the great staple Indian corn, originally a tropical grass and which when conditions are favorable yields a greater amount of nutriment with a given amount of labor than any known cereal.

When cultivated in a region of a high and protracted temperature corn exhibits a strong tendency to revert to its original condition. In the Gulf States it grows to a greater height than further northward, but its yield of seed is correspondingly less. In the valleys opening seaward along the Pacific slope it attains a medium size, but fails to mature for want of sufficient heat. The districts of its maximum production are far north of its native latitudes and have the benefit of short but intense summer heats. In Illinois and adjacent parts of the great valley its greatest yield is about the 41st parallel and though far less imposing than in its appearance on the Gulf, its productive capacity is four fold greater than either there, or on the Pacific. It is interesting that the plant's greatest producing capacity should be near the northern limits of its possible cultivation.

The prevailing winds which sweep over the Illinois prairies come from the southwest and are mostly warm and salubrious.

## “EGYPT.”

The term originated among the early settlers of territories further north, who were frequently obliged to come to this fertile country for food, as did the Israelites of old to the land of Egypt. It has mines of coal, iron, lead, silver and spar; quarries of marble, stone and fire-clay; wells and springs of mineral waters in great variety, including salt; forests of the best timber and a diversified soil, adapted to the producing of all the fruits and cereals of the temperate zone.

The average temperature is 55 degrees. The warm breath of the gulf flows up the valley of the Mississippi, a veritable “gulf stream.” The traditional “oldest inhabitant” has seen the Ohio river frozen over between Cairo and Paducah, Ky., (fifty miles) but once, the river being extremely low when winter closed in. Southern cane grows to the height of twenty-five feet on the north bank of the Ohio and the magnolia and myrtle of the Gulf States flourish here without winter protection. Thousands of bales of cotton were grown in these lower counties in the years immediately following the war.

But although every product of the temperate zone is raised, a special adaptability for many leading crops is claimed, the diversified climate giving a great variety of products. Less snow falls in "Egypt" than at Knoxville, Tenn., yet it varies but little from that point, the difference of latitude being offset by 1,000 feet of elevation. In the extreme southern counties wheat is frequently harvested in May and it is quite a common practice to raise two crops of Irish potatoes on the same land in a season.

The average rainfall at Cairo is 55 inches. At Ft. Riley, Kans., it is 21.90 inches.

The soil is greatly varied, which, instead of being a detriment, has proven of the greatest advantage, as it is adapted to the production of almost every variety of grain, grass and fruit. Each variety of soil has been found to be especially adapted to some particular crop.

Some of the thin clay lands, which were considered of but little value, when corn was the principal crop of the early settlers, are now the most valuable lands in the State and thousands of acres are being set to apple orchards every year. The sand ridges of the bottom lands, which would not produce corn, are found to be unequalled for melon growing.

Adjacent to the rivers and creeks, the soil is of alluvial formation and of unknown depth in many places and is practically inexhaustible, as is proven by the "American Bottom" lands of the Mississippi river, some of which have been cultivated (almost exclusively corn) for more than two centuries. Also on the Ohio and Wabash rivers are lands which have been continuously cropped for nearly one hundred years without the use of any fertilizer whatever.

The prairies adjacent to the American Bottom are deep and black limestone soil. East of the Okaw river the soil is principally clay loam of a grayish color, which is the predominant shade of both prairie and timber lands. The clay subsoil comes near the surface in many places and in the early settlement of the country these lands were considered of inferior quality, but in recent years they have come to the front in the production of wheat and apples.

It might be supposed that the rougher lands of the Ozark range, which spread out in fan-shape, soon after crossing the Mississippi river from Missouri and extending through several counties, would naturally be poor and barren, as is often the case with regions of mountainous nature. But such is not the fact.

The somewhat prevalent idea that Illinois is one vast prairie, similar to the Dakotas, is a great mistake, as this region was originally more than one-half heavily timbered. It is sixty miles north of Cairo to the first small prairie and a hundred miles to the south end of the Grand Prairie. These luxuriant forests consist of the various species of oak, black and white walnut, white and yellow poplar (tulip), hard and soft maple, gum, ash, black and honey locust, all the different varieties of hickory, linden, sycamore, cottonwood, pecan, persimmon, beech, sassafras, mulberry, red cedar, catalpha, and in the extreme southern part, the cypress.

The undergrowth is dogwood, red bud, or judas

tree, paw paw, hazel, sumac, buckeye, spicewood, grape, wild plum, crabapple, etc. There are vast forests of fine timber standing and awaiting the manufacturer.

The oak is not excelled anywhere and offers great inducement to the manufacturer of agricultural implements, also for car works and steam-boat building. The hickory is of the finest quality for the manufacture of carriage and wagon material, ax handles, etc.

Sweet or red gum, which is but little known, has a great future before it. Until quite recently it was not appreciated, but is now being largely used as a finishing lumber, as it is fine grained, beautifully variegated and almost as handsome as rosewood. It attains its highest perfection in this region.

The great coal measure covers all the territory east and north of a line beginning near East St. Louis and bearing south parallel with the bluffs of the Mississippi river, leaving out the greater part of Monroe county and extending to the Big Muddy in Jackson county; thence bearing east, in an irregular line, to the mouth of the Saline river on the Ohio.

The veins crop out in many places along this southern line, then gradually dip to the north. At DuQuoin and Belleville, coal is about sixty feet below the surface, while in Marion county it is from 500 to 850 feet below. North and east of this vein it is considered too deep to be profitably worked at present.

The deposit varies in thickness from three to nine feet. The general average of the mines being about seven feet. There are frequently two or more veins. On the southeast border, there are five separate veins of a combined thickness of nineteen feet, two inches, the thinnest being three feet. While the coal is all bituminous, there is much difference in the quality. No. 2, of the Big Muddy, in the vicinity of Murphysboro, is considered superior to most others, being a different strata and resembling the "Brier Hill" of Ohio. The development of southern Illinois coal interests is yet in its infancy. No other section of the same area, on the face of the earth, can compare with it in extent and value of its coal deposits.

Throughout this entire section of country excellent building stone, (lime-stone and sand-stone) abounds, the quarries at Alton and Chester being most noted of those at present developed on the Mississippi, Golconda, Rose Clare and others on the Ohio river, besides great numbers in the interior, notably, those near Carbondale and Shoal creek.

A variegated, crystalline limestone, which takes a fine polish and is locally known as "Cape Girardeau Marble," is found in Alexander and Union counties.

Lime kilns are numerous and furnish lime of the very best quality, which is largely exported. This is one of the growing, remunerative industries. For street paving there is no better material than the chert of Alexander county and the gravel of Massac, which contains about twenty per cent of iron and cement in solid mass.

Inexhaustible beds of fire-clay are found in almost every county, which is extensively manufactured into fire brick, tile and a very superior quality of stoneware. Recently a mountain of

chalk was discovered in Union county, of great purity and in immense quantities. Large deposits of pure silica have lately been found in the same section.

The only deposits of iron which have been developed are those of Hardin county. The ores worked are largely surface deposits and the limonite of the St. Louis limestone deposit. Kidney, plipe and other ores abound in Sabine, Hardin, Pope and other counties south and west.

The "Illinois Furnace" was built in 1837 and run until the commencement of the war. The "Martha Furnace" was in operation about ten years. Their daily capacity was about ten tons each, for the very best grade of metal. When all the timber near them had been used in making charcoal they were abandoned. As it is but fifteen miles across the Eagle mountains to beds of coking coal, they will be brought together by a railroad which has been surveyed.

There are fine openings for investment of capital in this region.

Extensive veins of lead and fluor-spar were discovered as early as 1820 near Rose Clare, Hardin county. These have been developed to a limited extent and the lead found to contain from \$15 to \$18 per ton of silver.

These mines are in operation and ship about 1,000 barrels of fluor-spar a week. Lead is not mined at present. Copper, also, is found in this region, but has not been developed for lack of transportation facilities.

Mineral springs are numerous and liberally patronized, which is proof of their efficacy in curing "all the ills that flesh is heir to." Among those which have been improved and become noted, are Saylor in Clay county; Green's at Mt. Vernon, Jefferson county; Creal, in Williamson county; Dixon in Pope county; West Saratoga, in Union county. These and many others have been tested for years and found very efficient in the cure of various diseases.

In the early part of the century the salt works on the Saline river, in Gallatin and Saline counties were the most extensive in the western country and are capable of being profitably worked at present. The brine is of sufficient strength and fuel, both wood and coal, is abundant. There are many salt springs in this locality. Also, in Jackson county and many other places. The only works in operation are those at St. Johns, Perry county, where with the brine and coal brought up under the same roof, salt is profitably manufactured in large quantities. Strong salt water, in connection with the natural gas lately discovered at Sparta, will doubtless soon be utilized.

Early in the century it was known and demonstrated that the counties adjacent to St. Louis and perhaps it would be correct to say that about one-third of the northern and western counties, were well adapted to winter wheat culture, and, as a natural result, land commanded a good price. But later it has been proven that the hard-pan prairies of the northern counties and the post oak lands of the more southern sections, which had been considered of but little value except for grazing, were almost as valuable for the production of wheat as the deeper soils and are now yielding crops of from twenty-five to forty bushels per acre,

the grain being of the very best quality. When the grand prize of the Centennial Exposition of 1876 was awarded to wheat which had been grown on the Ozark hills, fifty miles north of Cairo, it caused considerable astonishment. Hundreds of acres which were considered exhausted under the old system of cultivation have been reclaimed and are now producing fine crops of this cereal.

Many instances could be cited of growing fifteen or twenty crops of wheat in succession, no fertilizer being used, with no diminution of yields, but, on the contrary, an increase each year. This would be an utter impossibility in almost any other section, but this soil, when judiciously tilled, is constantly increasing in fertility. Throughout this entire territory, there is scarcely a county which cannot cite instances of a yield of forty bushels or more per acre. In many cases as high as fifty has been reached.

Thousands of acres of wheat land have been and still can be bought for less than the value of one crop grown on them. The quality of the grain is shown by the eagerness of the mills of St. Louis, Evansville, Nashville, Tenn., and those of other cities, to secure the wheat for mixing with that of other sections. Flour made from the wheat of Southern Illinois ranks in all the markets as strictly first quality.

From the earliest French settlement, of more than two centuries ago, "Egypt" has been noted for the production of corn, not only for home consumption, but vast quantities are annually shipped to southern markets, not only is this grain shipped to southern markets. Not only is the grain shipped in bulk, but immense quantities are sent to market in the form of bacon.

The bottom lands—and there are thousands of acres of them, not only adjacent to the rivers, but along the many creeks and smaller streams of the interior—are capable of producing from fifty to eighty bushels per acre. Large areas have averaged one hundred and forty bushels have been harvested from a single acre.

There is but a small per cent of the higher lands that will not produce a good yield and the strong limestone soil of the central part and the rich prairies of the northern counties almost equal the alluvial bottoms in the production of this great staple.

Oats are successfully grown and prove a profitable crop in the most of these counties. Among the special crops, which are very profitable, may be mentioned castor beans, which, in both quantity and quality, are unexcelled. In fact there is no place in the United States where they do better than in the central counties of "Egypt," where they have been very largely produced for many years.

All the timber lands are adapted to tobacco growing and in years past, all the central and lower counties grew large quantities, but at present it is not largely grown, presumably on account of the low prices which have ruled for several years. Paducah, Henderson and Uniontown, Ky., are large tobacco markets and the land on the Illinois side of the Ohio is in every respect equal to Kentucky soil in the production of "the weed."

Sweet potatoes are a standard crop in sections

convenient to railroads, as the market is in the north. They are largely grown for home consumption in all parts of this region and grow to great perfection. Irish potatoes are successfully grown in every county, being a specialty in the country bordering on the Ohio river. Large shipments are annually made to the south. "Little Hardin" alone has shipped over half a million bushels in a single year.

A very large industry and one which is being greatly extended every year, is the growing of early vegetables for the northern markets. Vast quantities of spinach, peas, beans, onions, pieplant, sweet and Irish potatoes, melons, tomatoes, etc., are grown with large profit. The difference in latitude between this southern, semi-tropical region and Chicago is as great as between Norfolk, Va., and New York and the difference in climate causes a ready market for the vegetables before the same articles can be grown at the north.

The one item of tomatoes is simply immense. Growers have the plants, grown in green-houses, ready to bloom by the time danger of late frosts is past and by so doing are able to ship ripe fruit at a very early date. Lands are very valuable where this industry has been developed, but can be bought cheap in other localities and fully as good.

Few localities surpass this for profitable stock raising. The mildness of the climate, short winters and abundance of water, are all favorable to this industry. Considerable outside range may still be found in some localities, but the tame grasses grow so luxuriantly that these are not often utilized. Blue grass is indigenous to the soil everywhere and affords the choicest pasturage from March to December. Corn fodder and the vast quantities of wheat straw are utilized to a considerable extent, as is also the native cane in some localities.

The raising of horses and mules is carried on quite extensively in connection with other agricultural interests. All the various breeds of heavy draft horses are bred in perfection and some as fine roadsters as are produced in Kentucky, or any other state are raised here.

The cattle industry has grown to large proportions. All the popular beef and better breeds are bred and each is highly appreciated. There is room for greatly extending this enterprise.

Sheep do well in this climate. As all sheep killed by dogs are paid for out of the tax (collected on the curs), danger from loss in that direction is removed, and sheep husbandry should be one of the most profitable industries.

Hogs are raised on every farm, in greater or less numbers. With cheap corn, abundant clover and proximity to market, pork raising is no small factor in the farmers' profits.

But this is Pomona's home. From the earliest strawberry to the latest apple, a constant succession of all the fruits of the temperate zone are grown in the greatest variety and perfection. This industry is yet young, but has reached dimensions that are almost incredible.

During the season the railroad lines run trains of refrigerator cars and the northern markets are largely supplied from this section.

Beginning with the strawberry, in early May,

on through the succession of currents, gooseberries, cherries, early apples, raspberries, plums, apricots, peaches, peas, grapes, quinces, till last, but by no means least, comes the standard fruit of every year—winter apples. Almost all leading varieties grow to perfection, yet a specialty is made of Early Harvest, as first of the season, and Ben Davis, Winesap and others as latest.

This is undoubtedly one of the remunerative crops and brings more money than any other, except wheat and corn. The trees come into bearing much earlier than in regions further north and east, frequently yielding considerable fruit when six or seven years old.

Perhaps there is not as much said through the public print about the peaches of Southern Illinois as those of Delaware, South Jersey or California, yet none of these excel "Egypt" in the production of this fruit, where they have not to wait several years for their trees to come into bearing, as is the case farther east. Trees have been grown the first season from the bud one and a half inches in diameter and have borne fruit the next year. A full crop is usual on two-year-old buds and trees are very long-lived. The average is about three full crops in five years. A total failure is unknown.

Vineyards abound throughout this entire region and the vine is remarkably healthy and productive wherever grown. Almost every family grows a home supply and in certain localities they are very largely grown as an article of commerce.

Twenty-five years ago a field of ten acres of strawberries was considered something wonderful in extent. And so it was when this industry was in its infancy, but now it takes a 40 or 80 acre field to attract attention. Think of a full train of more than 20 refrigerator cars, loaded with strawberries alone, going over a single line every day for weeks in succession and some idea may be gained of the extent of this one branch of horticulture. No other industry distributes more money in the same length of time, as it requires a small army of pickers and box makers, besides many other laborers, to prepare the fruit for market.

#### INDIANS.

Illinois contains many Indian battlefields, for the tribes from the east, west, north and south often met here. Likewise on the plains of Illinois did the white men suffer in many a conflict with the Red races who claimed this their hunting ground.

Pontiac, Tecumseh and Tuscaloosa were the chiefs who emulated one another in defending their country against the encroachments of the French and British. The last effort of this kind was made by the Sac & Foxes of Illinois where defeat placed the vast domain east of the Mississippi in the hands of the conquerors.

The Algonquins were among the earliest Indians who inhabited Illinois. This was the tribe that made a covenant of peace with William Penn and furnished a Pocahontas to intercede for the life of the adventurous founder of Virginia. The only trace of the Iroquois to be found in Illinois is in the name of one our streams on the banks of which they suffered ignominious defeat at the hands of the Illinois. This last tribe who gave their name

to the state were a branch of the Algonquins. It seems the meaning of the word

### ILLINOIS

Was real or superior men and was derived from the Delaware word Leno, Leni or Illini as it is variously written by different authors. The termination of the word as it now is, is a French modification. The Illinois, Miamis and Delawares are of the same stock and according to tradition emigrated from the far west, the first settling on the Southern bank of Lake Michigan, the second in Indiana and the third in Pennsylvania.

The Illinois confederacy was composed of five tribes the Tamaroas, Michigamies, Kaskaskias, Cahokias and Peorias. As early as 1670 Father Marquette mentions frequent visits made by individuals of this confederacy to the missionary station of St. Esprit, near the western extremity of Lake Superior. At that time they lived west of the Mississippi in eight villages, where the fierce Iroquois had driven them from the shores of Lake Michigan. Shortly afterwards they commenced returning eastwards settling mostly in Illinois. Joliet and Marquette, in 1673, descending the Mississippi below the mouth of the Wisconsin, on their famous voyage of discovery, met a band of them on the west bank of the river. The principal chief treated them with great hospitality, gave them a calumet as a pass down the river. The same explorers in their return voyage up the Illinois, discovered and stopped at the principal towns of the confederacy, situated on the banks of the river seven miles below the present town of Ottawa. It was then called Kaskaskia and contained 74 lodges, each of which domiciled several families. Marquette returned to the village in the spring of 1675 and established the Mission of the Immaculate Conception, the oldest in Illinois, and subsequently transferred to the new town of Kaskaskia further southward.

When in 1679 La Salle visited the town it numbered 400 lodges and at the annual assembling of the different tribes from 6,000 to 8,000 souls. The lodges extended along the banks of the river a mile or more, its population cultivating the adjoining meadows in pumpkins, beans and Indian corn. At this time the confederacy possessed the country from the present town of Ottawa and the lower rapids of the Mississippi to the mouth of the Ohio. In the invasion of the Iroquois in the following year the principal town was learned and the several tribes pursued down the river to the Mississippi, where the Tamaroas were attacked and 700 of their women and children made prisoners. With the withdrawal of the enemy the tribes returned and in 1682 furnished 1200 of the 2800 warriors embraced in La Salle's colony at Fort St. Louis on the Illinois. After this they were forced further southward by northern natives and Peoria, Cahokia and Kaskaskia became the centers of these tribes.

In 1720 they were summoned by the governor-general of Louisiana to assist in the reduction of the Natchez. In the Chickasaw war, they again went to the assistance of their allies the French and under Chérallier D'Artagnette, they successfully stormed and carried two of the enemies strongholds and would have taken a third but for the fall of their heroic leader.

In common with other western tribes they be-

came involved in the conspiracy of Pontiac who forced them into his service against the whites. Finally when this chief was killed by the hand of an Illinois, the nations which had followed him as a leader swept down on them to revenge his death and pretty nearly annihilated them. One of their last retreats was "Starved Rock," the site of Fort St. Louis, where they were literally starved to death and for many years afterwards their bones could be seen whitening on its summit. At the commencement of the century, they could only muster 150 warriors living in a small circle around Kaskaskia. When the Europeans first encountered them they numbered 12,000. At this time their chief was a half breed, Du Quoin, who wore a medal presented to him by our First President, whom he visited at Philadelphia. In 1850 they moved to the Indian Territory and numbered 84 persons.

The Sacs and Foxes who by intermarriage became practically one tribe dwelt in the northwest part of the state. They both came west from the neighborhood of the St. Lawrence river and settling first near Green Bay later moved south into Illinois territory. They banded themselves together for mutual protection against the Iroquois on the east and the Wyandottes on the north. In conjunction with other tribes they made an attempt in 1779, to destroy the village of St. Louis. Finally, in the Black Hawk war, waged by them against the troops of Illinois and the United States, they won a historical reputation as fighters. In 1805 they were visited by Lieutenant Pike at their home near the junction of the Rock river and Mississippi. Twenty years later their numbers were found considerably increased. They were later transferred to the Indian Territory and, in 1850, numbered 1,600 souls.

The Winnebagos were a small tribe of Indians who inhabited the county of that name on Rock river. They fought with Pontiac, but in the Revolution and in 1812 they allied with the British. In 1827 they had a last skirmish with the U. S. Government.

The Kickapoos were the most civilized, energetic and industrious of the Indians who inhabited what is now the State of Illinois. They had an implacable hatred of the Americans, and were always the first to commence battle, and the last to enter into treaties. Of all the tribes leagued against the Illinois they pursued them the most relentlessly, and as late as 1805 they seized and carried off a number of Kaskaskia children whom they found picking strawberries on the outskirts of the village which bore the name of that tribe. They, in 1810 and 1811, made so many thefts and murders on the frontier settlements that Governor Edwards had to remove them from the precincts of the State, whence they went to Texas, at that time a Mexican province.

A branch of the Shawnee nation who, in their wanderings visited nearly every State east of the Mississippi, were some time located on the Ohio river in the Southern part of the State, and gave their name to Shawneetown.

The Mascoutins were a tribe of Indians who were on friendly terms with the Illinois, and with the Kickapoos, made war on the French. They roamed between the Wabash and the Illinois riv-

ers, and seem, subsequently to have been absorbed by the Kickapoos.

The Plankishaws occupied the lower Wabash country, on both sides of that stream, and West into Illinois, as far as the Kaskaskia. They were members of the Miami Confederacy, and were more largely represented in La Salle's colony at Fort St. Louis than any other tribe.

The Patawatomies were a tribe inhabiting the country north of the present site of Chicago; they were not surpassed in treachery by any Indian family, and were the perpetrators of the "Chicago massacre" during the war of 1812, the most blood-thirsty and atrocious act the annals of history attribute to the Indians of the West. Like all the other Indians, none are now residing Illinois. In 1850 there were 1200 of them in the Territory.

#### POPULATION.

Illinois is the third State in the Union in point of population, 3,826,351, and likewise is she third in the assessed value of her real property; going to prove that land is valuable in ratio to the number of people inhabiting it.

There are some three per cent. more women than men in the U.S. and in Illinois we have an excess of women in the same proportion. We have about the proportion of foreigners as other large states, such as New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts or Ohio. There are in Illinois 842,000 people of foreign birth, about half in the city of Chicago. The percentage increase in population in the last decade, 1880-1890, was 24.06.

#### DEBT AND REVENUE.

In 1836-38 Illinois was seduced into a scheme of internal improvements. The population was then less than half a million, but the debt created was \$14,000,000 to construct railroads and a canal. In July 1841 the state failed to pay the interest on the debt. In 1845 the legislature levied a tax to pay the current interest; in 1848 an irrepealable tax was levied to pay the principal and all the overdue and unpaid interest was funded in interest-bearing bonds. By December 1880 this entire debt was paid off.

Today eleven states and territories in the Union have a less per capita debt than Illinois. Her county debt is larger than any state in the Union except Kansas, which would seem to point out that public improvement has been pretty universal in the country, her counties' bonds, all being worth par and interest paying. The municipal and school debt is very light.

The constitution now limits the rate of taxation by counties to 75 cents per \$100 of the official valuation. In the same manner all municipalities are prohibited from incurring any debt for any purpose exceeding 5 per cent. on the official valuation of its property. An annual tax is required in each municipality to pay the interest and a portion of the principal of all existing debts. It is thus under these stringent measures, mostly in force over 20 years that the municipal debt of Illinois is always decreasing.

The State without becoming responsible for the cities' debts acts as trustee and through its officers collects and disburses the taxes to pay principal and interest of these local debts. The state tax

levied for all purposes is 30 cents on \$100 assessment which is one fourth of real valuation.

The State is in receipt of a permanent revenue from the Illinois Central Railroad, which in consideration of the lands granted it, pays into the treasury seven per cent. of the gross semi-annual earnings. This is in place of taxing the road for any other purpose whatever. In 1855 this payment amounted to \$29,000, in 1880 it was \$365,000 and in 1892, \$588,000. For the half year ending Oct. 31st, 93, the six months of the World's Fair it was \$450,176.

State Bonded Debt	\$18,500.
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Summary of Receipts and Disbursements of the State Oct. 1st, 1890 to Sept. 31, 1892.

Amount in Treasury	\$ 4,349,551
Receipts	
Revenue	\$5,854,269
State School	2,091,058
Local Bonds	2,641,415
	10,586,742
Disbursements	10,682,659.

Treasury Payments, Classified as Follows; for Same Period.

Agricultural	\$ 85,542
Charitable	3,024,965
Commerce and Labor Statistics	117,835
Claims and Awards	15,045
Executive	260,939
Educational	2,492,836
Judicial	620,060
Legislative	294,411
Local Bond Fund	2,696,333
Military	285,124
Minor Heirs	2,348
Monumental and Lincoln Homestead	18,238
Penal and Reformatory	470,115
Refunding Warrants	969
State Board of Equalization	20,425
"    "    "    Health	18,361
"    "    "    Live Stock Com'rs.	41,283
World's Fair	249,707
	<hr/> \$10,706,028

Assessed Valuation of Property 1891.

Personal	\$142,066,756
Lands	309,223,679
Town Lots	289,918,748
Railroads	74,626,553
Corporations	6,273,693
	<hr/> \$822,109,429

#### Taxes Charged on Tax Books.

State	\$ 2,768,028
County	5,108,454
Bond Fund	1,425,158
City	12,943,851
Town and District	13,795,260
	<hr/> \$36,040,754

Bonds Registered in Auditor's Office 1892 Under Act 1869, Apportioned as Follows.

Nineteen Counties	
Seven Cities	
Five Towns	
Sixty-five Townships	\$3,288,017
Under Act 1865	
Four Cities	
Under Act 1865	
Amended 1877-1879	
Apportioned as follows.	
Twenty-eight Counties	
Twenty-two Cities	
Six Towns	
One hundred and twenty-four Townships	
Three School Districts	11,232,471
Prairie District Bonds, Act 1885	511,554
	<hr/> \$16,878,907

The average rate of interest on these is 6.17 per cent.

The Average rate of taxation on the \$100 in the southern counties in 1891 was as follows,

Alexander	\$6.22
Clinton	2.47
Franklin	3.49
Gallatin	4.78
Hamilton	4.20
Jackson	4.55
Jefferson	4.18
Johnson	5.03
Lawrence	4.01
Madison	3.23
Massac	4.11
Monroe	2.52
Perry	3.25
Putaski	5.50
Randolph	3.56
Richland	6.26
St. Clair	3.87
Saline	4.05
Union	4.18
Wabash	4.23
Washington	3.17
White	4.45
Williamson	3.72

Acres of Improved lands in the State.....27,839,359

Acres of Unimproved lands in the State... 6,696,948

Number of Improved City Lots in the State 540,524

Number of Vacant City Lots in the State.. 667,425

#### EDUCATION AND CHARITIES

In keeping with its other numerous possessions and acquisitions, Illinois has a liberally supported and perfect public school organization, while her colleges for higher education stand equal to any in the land. The number of children enrolled in 1893 was 26,085. The cost to the State per pupil was \$28.40 and per capita \$2.95.

District Tax Levy for school support.....\$7,184,311

Income of Township Fund..... 622,088

Income of County Fund..... 9,101

Bonded School Debt..... \$4,815,895

Number of Stone School Houses..... 186

Number of Brick " " ..... 1,598

Number of Frame " " ..... 10,681

Number of Log " " ..... 51

New Schools 1894..... 268

High Schools..... 239

Number of pupils in private schools.....116,636

The State received on district account in 1893, \$16,000,000 and spent it on the schools; this was inclusive of the cost of the three Normals and the State University. From tuition fees, county and township funds, interest on bonds, etc., about \$1,500,000 is obtained and the balance is made up from direct taxation. This is 1.75 per cent on the assessed value of the state's property. In the above is also included,

Cost of Institution for Deaf and Dumb.....\$125,678

" " Blind..... 70,014

" " Feeble Minded..... 91,073

" " Soldier's Orphan's Home 53,398

The total value of school property and charitable institutions is placed at \$37,311,036.

The average monthly wages paid male teachers is \$59 and female \$49.

While the public school system of Illinois is liberally supported and perfected in detail, it is materially lacking in normal facilities; in proportion to population other states have four and five normals to Illinois one; even the state of Missouri has got three where Illinois has two.

There are 6,038 acres of school lands in the state still unsold.

There are 43 higher institutions of learning in

corporated under the state law, whose furniture and apparatus are valued at \$256,000, real estate \$2,502,000, libraries \$167,000 and whose income and expenditures were about \$1,000,000.

#### RAILROADS.

Illinois leads all the states in the Union in the total railway construction and in operation, as follows:

Main Lines and Branches.....	10,314
Second, Third and Fourth Tracks.....	1,300
Yard Track and Sidings.....	3,435
	15,049

In 1893, 373 miles were built.

The State has 18 miles of railroad to 100 square miles and 36 miles of railroad to 10,000 inhabitants.

Eighty-five per cent. of all lands in the state are within 5 miles of railway in actual operation, 11.5 within 5 and 10 miles, 2.5 per cent. within 10 and 15 miles and 1 per cent. between 15 and 20 miles.

#### Railway Capital June 1893.

Capital Stock.....	\$ 930,557,000
Funded Debt.....	1,111,749,000
Current Liabilities.....	91,658,000
	\$2,133,965,000

Capital Stock per mile.....	\$ 22,435
Funded Debt " "	26,804

Current Liabilities per mile.....	2,209
	\$ 51,448

Gross earnings .....	\$317,326,380
Operating expenses.....	217,927,986

Income.....	115,088,165
Net income (49 roads).....	36,743,986

Net deficit (30 roads).....	3,672,581
	\$ 51,448

#### Earnings in Illinois.

Passenger.....	\$ 19,155,163
Mails .....	1,959,162

Express .....	1,463,008
Freight.....	52,312,074

Other earnings.....	3,253,475
Property earnings.....	7,121,508

	\$ 85,823,152
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Revenues per passenger per mile, cents	2.409
" " ton freight " "	1.187

Cost of carrying a passenger per mile	2.386
" " a ton freight " "	.682

#### Classified Freight in Illinois 1893.

Tons.	
Products of Agriculture	12,344,476
" " Animals	4,739,127
" " Mines	20,851,413

Lumber	5,104,406
Merchandise	4,144,655

Manufactures	7,657,155
Ice	607,897

Miscellaneous	8,808,729
	63,457,848

#### Average Daily Compensation of Railway

##### Employees in Illinois.

Highest.	Lowest.
General Officers	\$22.87
" Office Clerks	.67
Station Agents	5.60
Station hands	3.00
Engineers	4.59
Firemen	2.70
Conductors	4.54
Trainmen	2.65
Machinists	3.45
Carpenters	2.90
Trackmen	2.00
Switchmen	2.65
Telegraph Operators	2.89
Laborers	.65

## Equipment of Illinois Railroads.

## Locomotives

Passenger	1,992
Freight	4,661
Switching	1,464
	8,117

## Cars

Passenger	6,682
Freight	245,765
Company's	8,140
Fast Freight	14,443
	275,030

The year of 1893 showed an increase in equipment of 4.44 per cent.

The total taxes paid by the railroads to the state including that of the Illinois Central R. R. Co. was \$3,733,304.

## GOVERNMENT.

The territory embraced in the present State of Illinois was ceded in 1763 by France to England and became a part of the colony of Virginia; in 1787 it was made a county in the northwest Territory; from 1800 to 1809 it was a county in the territory of Indiana; in 1809 it was erected into a territory and in December 1818 was admitted as a state into the Union. On admission it adopted a constitution. In 1848 this was superseded by another and in 1870 this was set aside for a third and present constitution; which provides the ordinary state government of three departments, executive, legislative and judicial. The executive, consist-

ing of a governor and other officers are elected for a four years term, about half alternating every two years, one from each of the districts into which the state is divided. From each district three assemblymen are elected for a two year term. In electing assemblymen the voter may give his three votes for one, two or three candidates. This cumulative voting is peculiar to the constitution of Illinois and has become popular. The judiciary consists of one supreme court of seven judges, a number of district appellate courts of limited jurisdiction, circuit courts and one county court including probate jurisdiction in each county. Each county and each township has its own local government. Every male citizen resident one year in the state may vote. The Illinois constitution is regarded as the best state constitution in the Union and many of its provisions have been adopted by other states. The seat of government is at Springfield which has been the capital since 1836.

## MANUFACTURES.

Illinois is now the fourth state in the Union in the output of pig iron, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Alabama being ahead of her.

She is the second State in the production of steel, Pennsylvania leading her.

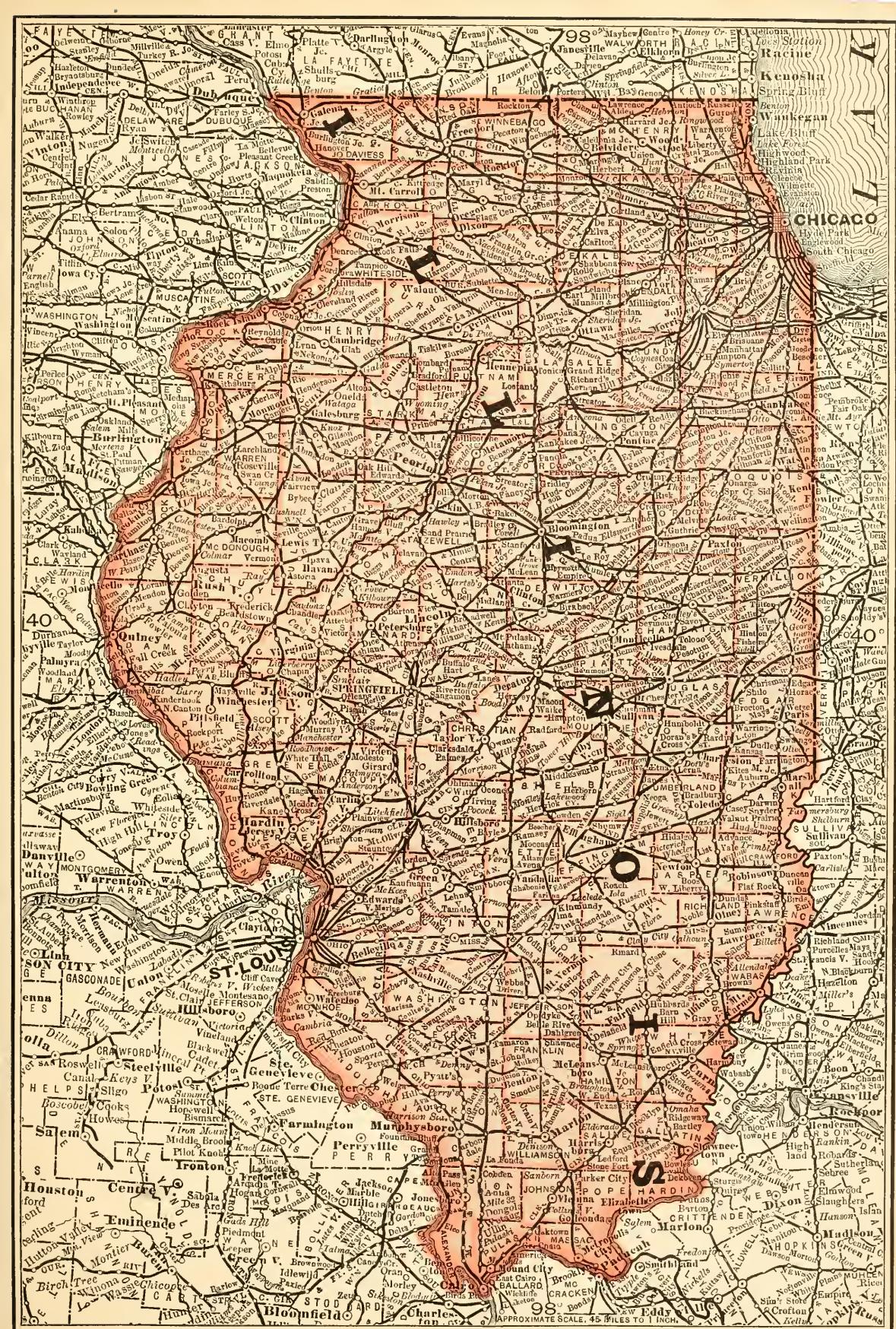
She holds likewise second place in the output of limestone, Pennsylvania also leading her in this.

She has ten establishments making silk cloth, twist and dyeing.

She has \$5,000,000 invested in woolen mills.



A STRAWBERRY FIELD IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.



APPROXIMATE SCALE, 45 MILES TO 1 INCH



# WATERLOO.

Waterloo, the county seat of Monroe county, is twenty-three miles from St. Louis and one hundred and twenty-three north-west of Cairo on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad. It is a beautifully situated little town, and occupies the highest point in the county; on its every side, in a radius of many miles extent, stretch acres of fair and fertile lands.

Generally speaking, the soil of the surrounding country is very rich and is well tilled; land is held at somewhat high figures but not too high prehaps when its productiveness is considered, it is mostly owned by old residents and not much of it changes hands. Wheat is the staple crop of the district, and corn and potatoes come next; the town is essentially a farming town, and enjoys the prosperity usually accruing to the centre of a wide awake and industrious agricultural community. It is one of the older settlements in this section of the country, and dates its corporate existence since 1856. The population is estimated to be in the neighborhood of 2300.

The town government is in the hands a Mayo and Board of seven alderman, under whom serve the various city officers.

Waterloo is not the kind of a town to have a boom, its growth has been and is slow and steady but it is the substantial development that comes from within. At this writing there are several new buildings going up, notably a new banking house, and the general appearance of the town is of quiet but solid prosperity. The streets are well made and mostly in very good order, some contemplated improvements of the sidewalks which, truth to tell, are not unnecessary, will place them in a condition leaving nothing to be desired. From the lay of the town, they are easily kept, as the natural drainage leaves them dry and clean. On one side of the town the watershed is towards the Mississippi, on the other it falls into the Kaskaskia river. Ten miles to the Southwest the ground rises into bluffs which mark and divide between the uplands and the famous American Bottom, where many of Waterloo's substantial citizens own valuable improved farms.

Stores and business blocks are principally built of brick. Two yards in the immediate vicinity turning out a hand-made red brick of excellent quality; many of the dwellings are of brick and stone, commodious and substantial, and some of them very handsome architecturally. Most of them have beautiful yards, lawns, flower-beds and trellises and magnificent shade-trees, rendering the residence part of the town most picturesque.

There is no water system in the town, but good living water is readily obtained from wells ranging in depth from fifteen to sixty feet; it is of excellent quality for drinking and domestic purposes; most of the houses are provided with cistern water in addition. There is an electric light plant for illuminating the streets and principal business houses with incandescent and commercial arc lamps. The plant is the property of a private corporation, formed by local capitalists.

There is a volunteer hook and ladder company, supported by contributions from the town council; they are regularly drilled and maintain a high state of efficiency, though fortunately their services are seldom required.

The court-house occupies the centre of a square, surrounded by a beautiful park covered with fine old trees. It was built in 1859, and possesses that solidity characteristic of buildings constructed in earlier days, when work was not rushed and sash, brick or stone was put there to stay. Although not large it affords ample accommodation for the needs of the county officers, and the facilities provided for the sole custody of the records are complete and fully up to modern requirements; the county jail is also a substantial building connected with which is the Sheriff's official residence.

The county is proud of its school system and justly, for it is in a most efficient condition: there are fifty-eight schools employing sixty-nine teachers. Waterloo public school has an enrollment of some three hundred scholars, and its teaching staff comprises eight persons; there are also two parochial schools in the town, Catholic and Lutheran, which between them have about one hundred and fifty pupils. Religious denominations are well represented and there are Catholic, German Evangelical, Lutheran and Methodist churches.

The Fraternities too have good representation, the Masons, Odd Fellows, A. O. U. W., K. P., Knights of Honor, Harnagari, Treubund and others have a large membership and the lodges are in a prosperous shape.

Local enterprises are in a flourishing condition; there are two roller mills with an aggregate capacity of 650 barrels, one brewery, two lumber yards, two brick yards, two stone and marble yards. There is a State Bank, and the Commercial Bank, (the oldest bank of the two, a private institution); eight general stores, two drug stores, two baker shops, furniture stores, hardware stores, one book store, one shoe store, wagon shops, blacksmith shops, agricultural machinery agencies, three merchant tailors, three livery stables, meat markets, two soda water factories, etc., etc.

The professions, law, medicine and dentistry have each several representatives, and indeed the town lacks nothing to render her internal economy complete with every necessity of modern life.

Waterloo presents many advantages to manufacturing Institutions of all kinds, which those who are confined within narrow limits in large cities where taxes are a heavy burden and running expenses far from light would do well to consider. There is plenty of room and ground is comparatively cheap and all the advantages in the way of side track facilities etc., could be readily enjoyed. For manufacturing purposes dams or tanks provide sufficiency of water, the lay of the ground rendering their construction a matter of little trouble and slight cost, while experience shows that natural seepage of surface water keeps them abundantly supplied; in any case however, the slight depth necessary to go to obtain a good flowing well makes it easy to acquire a provision against any short comings. Coal is cheap and to be had at near by points, and the great expense of haulage incidental to city factories is of course avoided, living and provisions are cheap, and labor would be readily provided. The people are wide awake and progressive and would offer a hearty welcome to any substantial enterprise.

The proximity to St. Louis and ready communications with all principal markets makes it a desirable point; railroad facilities are as yet confined to the M. & O., but is only a short distance to Belleville, where connection with other systems could be made at slight expense.

The community are steady law abiding citizens, somewhat conservative in their manner of thought but active in their business. Quite a number are German, or of German descent, and in social converse and in some business circles the language of the Fatherland is quite frequently used.

MAGNOLIA MILLS.—This Mill was established here in 1886 by Mr. Koenigsmark, the present sole proprietor, and under his management has proved a prosperous undertaking. The mill proper is a brick building comprising four floors and basement; it is splendidly equipped with every modern appliance and convenience, and is furnished throughout with patent roller process. The plant is driven by a steam engine 250 horse-power, and has a capacity of 400 barrels daily. The main building is 60x120, to which is attached the office, and large cooper shop in the rear; their own

side-tracks give them convenient transportation facilities. Forty men are employed, all told. The storage capacity of the mill is 60,000 bushels of wheat and 8,000 barrels of flour, and Mr. Koenigsrnark also has an elevator at Burkesville holding 10,000 bushels, for the receipt of grain from that part of the country. The leading brands of the Magnolia Mills are R. P., G. F., Coruna and Gardner, all of which have attained a good reputation and established the mill in sound favor with flour buyers. Much of the flour is shipped to southern points, and about one-third is exported to Central America. Mr. Koenigsrnark was born in Austria but has long been resident in this locality; he formerly operated the Gardner Mill at Columbia, Ill., but located here nine years ago when he at once engaged in building the Magnolia Mills. He exercises a careful supervision over the business and receives vigorous assistance from his son, Mr. Jacob Koenigsrnark, who takes the burden of the management upon his younger shoulders.

**COMMERCIAL BANK.**—One of the best conducted private banking houses in Southern Illinois is the Commercial Bank, of Waterloo. The business was established in 1882, and was formerly maintained under the style of A. Kuenster & Co.; it was re-organized in January of this year upon its present footing with the following partners, all of whom except one have been connected with the bank from its first organization.—William Erd, Judge of County Court of Monroe County; Jos. W. Rickert, attorney-at-law; Wm. Bode of Bode & Jobusch; George C. Gauen, merchant; and Chris. Jobusch retired business man. A partnership like this, comprising some of Waterloo's most influential citizens, successful men in their own affairs, suggests strongly the excellent manner in which the affairs of the Bank will be conducted, and is a substantial guarantee of its trustworthiness and responsibility as a fiduciary institution. Business is carried on as a co-partnership with unlimited liability, and as the Bank is in the possession of very ample capital they are in a position to meet almost any demand. The partners exercise a direct supervision over all the transactions of the Bank, and are governed in their dealings by a safe conservative policy based upon the fundamental principles of sound banking. In every legitimate way they endeavor to advance the individual business man as well as that of the community, while at the same time they are building up and strengthening the position of the Bank as an institution and an important branch of commercial activity. The Cashier is Mr. Hugh Murphy, upon whom the daily business duties rests, and in the routine duties of which he is assisted by Mr. A. C. Gauen.

**WATERLOO MILLING CO., Manufacturers of Monarch and Calumet Flour.**—These Mills, which were established in 1887, form a very important feature of the local business interests. The mill proper gives employment to ten men, and an equal number are employed in the cooper shop. The main building, a substantial brick structure is 48x40 in area and three stories high; it is equipped throughout with a patent roller process, having a daily capacity of 200 barrels. A 75 horse power engine and boiler of slightly larger capacity are located in a separate building, 30x48. The elevator has storage capacity for 25,000 bushels and 1000 barrels of flour. The "Monarch" and "Calumet" brands have obtained an excellent reputation. The officers of the company are—President, N. G. Ziebold, who is also manager of Mr. G. Ziebold's Red Bud Mills; Superintendent, Mr. G. W. Ziebold, and Sec'y and Treasurer, Mr. S. F. Chenot. The active management of the affairs devolves upon the last named, and under his energetic and capable direction an eminently prosperous and representative enterprise has been reared. Mr. Ziebold takes the practical supervision of the working of the mills, while Mr. Chenot devotes himself to the business management; he is a native of St. Louis and resident in Waterloo about twenty-five years. They maintain extensive business connections, and with resources at their command and the energy and capacity of the officers there is

practically no limit to the development and prosperity of this important company.

**W. E. EILBRACHT, Pharmacist.**—Purity in drugs and perfect accuracy at the prescription counter are what must be looked for in a reliable drug-store. That W. Elibracht's establishment belongs to this class may be gathered from the fact of the generous patronage bestowed upon him for the last fourteen years. Born and raised in Monroe county, he gained his professional education in St. Louis, by attending the regular course of the College of Pharmacy, whence he graduated as Ph. G. in 1880, and by practical experience in more than one high-class establishment. Mr. Elibracht established himself in his native town fourteen years ago; his store is well appointed in all respects. He carries a choice stock of pure drugs, proprietary medicines and such standard preparations as will be found in every prominent pharmacy. The usual toilet supplies and druggists sundries are also kept in stock as well as a select line of paints and oils. Mr. Elibracht, who by the way is a Woodman has built up a successful business and enjoys the full confidence of a large connection.

**BODE & JOBUSCH, General Merchandise.**—This house was established in 1867 and has year in and year out enjoyed a business which has increased in both volume and importance from time to time. The store is located on Mill street, it is a two-story brick, 25x55 ft. area, and affords ample accommodation for the well assorted stock such as one would expect to find in a really first class general store. An active trade requires two assistants, in addition to the supervision exercised by the principals. A branch store, in which three people are employed, is maintained at Smith's Landing, on Meramac Point. Both members of the firm are German birth and have been resident in Waterloo since 1856; they have ever been identified with movements of public interest and have acquired a wide-spread regard in the community. Mr. William Bode is Treasurer of the township; a Director of the Commercial Bank, a Mason, Knight Templar of Tancrede Commandery of Belleville, a K. of P. and I. O. O. F. Mr. Fred Jobusch is a member of the City Council, of the Board of Education, is a Knight of Honor, and a member of the A. O. U. W.

**RICKERT & GAUEN, Attorneys-at-Law.**—This firm dates its existence from January 1892, but the senior member is the oldest practitioner in Monroe County. Born in Vicksburg, Miss., Mr. Jos. W. Rickert is a graduate of St. Louis University was educated for his profession in the office of Johnson & Hartzel, attorneys Chester, Ill., and was admitted to the Bar in 1863. He has been a resident of Waterloo for twenty-five years, during which time he has followed his profession, except while serving in the House of Representatives 29th General Assembly, and more recently in the State Senate, 1889 and 1891. His partner, Mr. F. Monroe Gauen was born in this town, and educated partly here and partly at the Naval Academy Oxford, Md. He began the study of law under a local firm, and then entered the law school of Washington University, St. Louis; he was admitted to the Bar at Mt. Vernon in 1891, and in the following year became a member of this firm.

**A. J. KUENSTER, Pharmacy.**—This institution was established forty-five years ago by Henry Kuenster, who retired and handed it to his son, the present proprietor, about seven years ago. The store occupies a very desirable location on Main street, in the Kuenster Block opposite the Court House. A splendid stock of pure drugs, chemicals, standard proprietary medicines, toilet supplies and druggists sundries is kept; and particular attention is given to the compounding of prescriptions, which is under the personal supervision of the proprietor. Mr. A. J. Kuenster was born in Waterloo, and educated in Germany, his father's native country. He attended the Universities of Leipzig and Heidelberg, where he passed the qualifying examinations in pharmacy. At the last election, Mr. Kuenster was placed in the office of Mayor,

and six months ago was appointed Postmaster. He is a comparatively young man, wide awake to the interests of his business and of the city; he enters all social amusements as heartily as he works and counts for himself a great number of warm personal friends.

**BEN. KOOPMAN & SONS,** Brick Manufacturers.—The brick-yard which is maintained by Mr. Ben. Koopman has been in operation for the last twenty-five years, and has naturally obtained a strong hold upon popular favor. The bricks made are good common hand-made brick, and are extensively used around town, in all the important buildings and improvements; they are being supplied for the new building now being put up for the State Bank. The yard gives employment to four men, and has a daily capacity of 3000 bricks; the works cover six acres, and are properly equipped with drying sheds and a kiln, having a capacity of 125,000 bricks. Mr. Koopman was born in Germany, but has now been a resident of Monroe county for forty-three years; he is an active and energetic man of business, and has reared an eminently prosperous and flourishing enterprise. Mr. Koopman's sons John and Ben Jr., are now associated with him in the business.

**HUGH MURPHY,** County Assessor and Treasurer.—For the responsible duties of County Treasurer there are two requisites of the highest importance—exactitude in business methods and the strictest personal integrity. Such qualifications are to be found in Hugh Murphy. Mr. Murphy is a native of this locality, and has spent his time, partly engaged in teaching in and about the district and partly in farming. He was elected to his present positions in the fall of 1890 and has since discharged their respective duties with general acceptance. His marked financial ability gained him the appointment of Cashier of the re-organized Commercial Bank, of which he now takes the active management. He also conducts an important insurance business representing such prominent companies as the Northern Assurance Company and the Caledonian Insurance Company of Scotland, with head offices in New York. Mr. Murphy, is a sensible and shrewd man of business, with the faculty of making and retaining friends.

**THE REPUBLICAN,** H. C. Voris, Editor.—The "Waterloo Republican," formerly the "Waterloo Advocate" was established in 1858, and passed into the hands of the present proprietor, Mr. H. C. Voris, in January, 1890. It is a bright five column quarto published weekly and has a circulation of 660. Mr. Voris is a native of Monroe County; he himself is a practical printer and learned his trade right in this town. He runs a job-printing office as well as the paper, in which all kinds of commercial or legal work are executed. The equipment consists of three presses, one Fairhaven newspaper press, one Washington job press; and one half Medwell job press; two persons are regularly employed. In his printing department Mr. Voris has established a thriving enterprise, which moreover has not been done by any neglect of the interests of the people. It maintains a steady position in public favor and is ever kept up to the same standard adopted by the proprietor at the outset of his career as its editor and publisher.

**WATERLOO TIMES,** J. A. Krepps, Prop., and Editor.—The "Waterloo Times" was established

in 1872 and after passing through the hands of five proprietors was taken by J. A. Krepps in 1883, since which time it has been steadily climbing the ladder of prosperity and influence. It is a weekly, seven column quarto, half patent and a newsy little paper; circulation has now reached 800. It is the Democratic organ of the district. Mr. Krepps was born in St. Louis but was raised and educated in Sparta Ill.; he learned the printer's trade in Chester. He is editor as well as publisher and gets his paper out week after week with the help of one assistant, promptly and regularly and keeps it up to a uniform standard of quality. In addition he runs a job department, in which all kinds of commercial and legal printing are done, in the best style of the art. The success attained by Mr. Krepps, is all the more prominent because it was not characteristic of the paper in its earlier history, but he conducts his business upon sound and liberal business principles, and personally is courteous and obliging.

**P. J. GAUEN,** Agent M. & O. Ry.—Mr. P. J. Gauen, the present very efficient agent of the M. & O. at this point, has had a wide range of experience since first entering railroad service in 1881. He began as an operator, and rose by various stages to the position, of agent for the M. K. and T. at Stoutsville, Mo. He then filled a similar post with the Missouri-Pacific Ry., Co., and later the Pacific Express Company in the same place, and two years ago entered the service of the M. & O. as freight and ticket agent at Waterloo. He is also agent for the Southern Express Company. Born and educated in the town Mr. Gauen has a host of friends in the community, and enjoys a wide popularity.

**LAF. FULTS,** Photographer, Galleries at Waterloo and Red Bud, Ills.—The leading photograph studios of the district are those of Mr. L. Fults, his principal gallery being located here, with a branch establishment at Red Bud. The business has been running about eleven years under Mr. Fults' control, and was started many years before that by Mr. H. Rundle, whom he succeeded by purchase. His place occupies three large rooms and is well appointed in every respect, and every convenience requisite known to the art will be found in the finishing department. Mr. Fults, who is a native of Monroe Co., has built up a flourishing trade; he does all kinds of portrait and landscape work, crayon, pastel and bromide enlargements, and deals besides in frames, easels, albums, artist's materials, wall-paper and window glass.

**CITY HOTEL,** L. Bickelhaupt, Prop.—One of the most comfortable hotels in Southern Illinois is the City Hotel of Waterloo. The hotel was erected in 1876; it is a substantial brick building, three stories in height well arranged and appointed in every detail. It contains some twenty bed-rooms, parlors and sample rooms, and all the conveniences of a first-class house; it is lighted throughout by electricity, and the dining room and office are rendered very comfortable, in the hottest weather, by revolving fans. Mr. Bickelhaupt maintains a branch of the establishment where wines and liquors of superior quality may be obtained and where fresh cool beer is always on tap. From an extended personal experience we can heartily endorse the splendid reputation enjoyed by the City Hotel and its popular landlord.

## THE ENTERPRISING TOWNS OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

## COLUMBIA.

**J. W. WARNOCK**, Agricultural Machinery.

This business was established by Mr. Warnock in 1877 and for the past five years has been in the old Gader Mill, which affords splendid warehouse accommodation. Mr. Warnock is local agent for the McCormick Harvesting Machinery Co., and employs several assistants as travelling agents and machinists. Mr. Warnock was born and raised in Monroe County, he was formerly a member of the school board but did not seek re-election. He belongs to the Belleville Lodge of the A. O. U. W.

**S. S. LAWRENCE**, Agent M. and O. Ry.

Mr. S. S. Lawrence, who was appointed as the representative of the M. and O. Ry. at this point eight months ago, is a native of Davenport, Ia. He was educated at Mill Creek, Ill. and entered railroad service in 1884, at Jonesborough, Ark. in the transfer department of the St. Louis Southwestern Railroad. Five years later he began his connection with the M. and O. as freight and ticket agent at Elco, Ill. after which he filled the same position at Jonesborough, Ill. and Idlewild, Ill. Mr. Lawrence is a Blue Lodge Mason, and like all true brethren is courteous and reliable in every relation of life.

**Wm. SIEBER**, Carriage and Wagon Shop, Painting and Trimming.

Long experience has rendered Mr. Sieber familiar with every detail in the making of wagons, carriages or buggies. A native of St. Clair county he learned his trade at Millstadt and Hanover and in St. Louis where he worked chiefly on carriage wood work and in the car shops. He has been in business in Columbia two years. His shop 33x50 is conveniently equipped, for light work. While living in Millstadt, Mr. Sieber held office in the turuverein as first turner.

**CHARLES SCHNEIDER**, Furniture and Undertaking.

This business was established thirty years ago by its present owner. In furniture he carries everything required in the household and in undertaking he has two hearses and all funeral supplies. He is a professional embalmer holding certificate from Clarke's St. Louis school. Mr. Schneider was born in Germany, crossed the ocean in 1851 and settled in Monroe county in the following year.

**AUGUST F. WEINEL**, Lumber Dealer.

Born in Germany in August 1837, Mr. Weinel crossed the Atlantic when nineteen years of age, and shortly took up his residence in Columbia. After clerking for a year or two in a store, he bought an interest in a general merchandise business, from which he sold out five years later. From 1865-1867 he was County Surveyor and at the expiration of this term established himself in the hotel and livery business in connection with which he ran a hack to the city of St. Louis. When the railroad came the hack service was abandoned and in 1885 he sold out the hotel and in the following year engaged in business as a lumber dealer. He still retains the livery stable and also has a farm of 500 acres maintained in splendid cultivation. Mr. Weinel was at one time President of the School Board; he is a director of the Eagle Electric Co., Chairman Central Committee, a Blue Lodge Mason, Treasurer of his lodge and one of the directors of the Masonic Hall.

**E. T. WEIBLE**, Photograph Studio and Insurance.

The sole representative of the photographic art in Columbia is Mr. E. T. Weible.

Besides gallery he is known for his successful work in photographs of houses, live stock, farm machinery, groups of picnic parties, schools, etc. Mr. Weible was born and raised in St. Clair County, and has been settled in this village fifteen years. In insurance he has the following companies: Phoenix and the Hartford of Hartford, Conn., American of Philadelphia and Queen Insurance Company of America of New York. He is also Principal of Columbia Public School which under his direction has gained a well merited reputation. He is recorder of the local A. O. U. W. Lodge.

**PHILIP WILDE**, Tinware, Roofing, Pumps and Fencing, Buck, Bridge and Beach Stoves, Jobbing and Repairing.

This business was established in 1862 by the late Phillip Wilde, and is carried on in the interest of his estate by his son Phillip Wilde Jr. who was born and raised in Columbia and learned the business under his father's careful guidance; he is known as an active and reliable business man.

**JAMES MCKEE**, City Clerk, Assistant Teacher Public Schools.

Was born in St. Clair County, where his father, Mr. John McKee a native of Wigtonshire, Scotland, (one of the "real McKays") was engaged in farming. He was raised in this village to which he was brought as a young boy in 1852. For seventeen years he has been one of the teachers in the Columbia Public School. For twelve years in succession he has been appointed city clerk by the Board of Trustees. Mr. McKee speaks German as fluently as his native tongue and as a scholar and a citizen enjoys the respect of the entire community.

**ST. LOUIS HOTEL**, Julius A. Bredecker.

This house was opened in 1867 by the late Jno. T. Angerer father-in-law of the present owner. The building is a 3 story brick and can house 25 to 30 people and the dining room can seat twice that number. Mr. Bredecker is a native Columbian and keeps a bar in connection with the hotel. He also holds the office of City Weighmaster.

**JOHN GUNDLACH & CO.**, MONROE BREWERY, Soda-water, Ice and Coal.

One of the landmarks of Columbia is the Monroe Brewery which was established by John Gundlach in 1856. The brewery proper is a brick structure, the main building having an area of 40x120, two stories with extensive beer caves underneath, the machinery being driven by a 12 h. p. engine. The working force is twelve or fifteen men, and the out-put is about 300 barrels a month.

Mr. Gundlach was born in the province of Nassau, Ger. where he learned the brewer's trade under his father who was provincial brew-master. He crossed the Atlantic in 1834, and for a few years was located at Belleville where he had a farm of 160 acres. Mr. Gundlach was one of the incorporators of the village of Columbia. He was long President of the Board of Trustees and of the School Board, of which he was a member for over thirty years. In his business he is assisted by his daughter who is a member of the firm. A farm is operated in connection with the Brewery, chiefly for raising feed for their stock. Mr. Gundlach is an honored member of the Turnverein and the Singing Society.

**LOUIS KUEHNER**'S business has had active existence since 1855. He was born in the Palatinate and crossed the Atlantic in 1848; he passed through Columbia shortly after his arrival and at that time little dreamed of ever settling here; circumstances however induced him to retrace his steps. His business today is conducted upon the lines originally laid down, dealing in stoves and tinware, roofing and roofing materials, spouting, pumps, draining pipe, etc. etc. He has a shop for executing job work and repairs, in which department he receives able assistance from his son Julius. For twenty-three years Mr. Kuehner has been a member of the School Board, for the duties of which he is well qualified, having a sound knowledge of the classics and the mastery of several modern languages in addition to his mother tongue. Mr. Kuehner has held the office of treasurer to the City and the township for twenty-four and ten years respectively in succession, he was also the founder of the local Lodge of the A. O. U. W.

**CHARLES BREIDECKER**, Proprietor, CENTRAL HARDWARE AND GROCERY STORE, Main Street.

The business carried on by Mr. Charles Bredecker was established upwards of fifty years ago by his father Mr. Christian Bredecker a native of Wiesbaden, Ger. and one of the prominent citizens of the community in earlier days. At his death in 1884 it passed into the hands of Mr. Julius Bredecker, who sold it in 1892 to his brother the present proprietor. The store is about 25x50 area, contains a large stock of staple and fancy groceries, hardware, queensware, books, stationery, paints, oils, etc. Mr. B. has also been second assistant teacher in the Public School for the last nine years. He is also the proprietor of a farm of 131 acres which yields him a satisfactory return.

**JOHN A. PEFFER**, GENERAL MERCHANDISE, Agency for the sale of WIEDER'S PREPARED PAINT. This business was established in 1856 by Mr. Pfeffer's father, of German birth, who settled in New Orleans but came to Columbia when the subject of our sketch was twelve years old. The business then included a general merchandise store and saloon, and the latter was given to John A. Pfeffer as a wedding gift. He acquired the whole at the death of his father four years ago. The stock embraces dry goods, boots and shoes, groceries, queensware, woodenware, china, paints, oils, glass, wall-paper, etc. Mr. Pfeffer receives able assistance in the store, from his son John Joseph Pfeffer who is his right hand man. Mr. Pfeffer has ever preformed his part in fostering the prosperity of the community, and has rendered it service as one of the village Trustees and also as a member of the School Board. He also has a farm of 300 acres.

**JOHN C. SCHAUSSERT**, THE OLD RELIABLE DRUG STORE.

The old reliable drug Store has had a prosperous existence under its present management for five years; it occupies an eligible site at the corner of Main and Locust streets the premises being in area 40x75. Mr. Schauffert was born in Germany in which country he gained his professional education and much experience as a pharmacist.

He came to this country about twelve years ago, and since taking up residence in Columbia has become thoroughly identified with local interests and is recognized as a representative business man and a desirable citizen.

**P. W. MILLER & SONS**, BLACKSMITHS, HORSESHOERS, Dealers in Farm Implements and Wagons.

This business was established in 1857 by Mr. P. W. Miller and carried on by him for thirty three years; the present firm was formed in 1890 by the admission of his sons, Frederick J. and Conrad H. Miller, the business enjoys a central location on Main street, the premises consisting of a blacksmith shop 25x40 with implement warehouse. Mr. Miller's sons, both of whom are expert workmen, attend to the blacksmith and horseshoeing department.

He himself gives his attention to the implements and machinery business. Wm. Miller, Sr. is a native of Pennsylvania but has resided in this precinct since 1854.

**ERNST A. WEINEL**, Agricultural Implements.

Mr. Weinel started in this line five years ago, and has build up a thriving trade. He is agent for the well known Champion harvesting machines, manufactured by the Warden, Bushnel & Glesner Co. of Chicago, Ill. and Springfield, O. and also the Osborne goods. He employs a travelling agent, H. E. McKee who is a practical mechanist. Mr. Weinel is a Columbia boy born and raised and has a host of friends in the community.

## SPARTA.

This is one of the best towns on the Illinois division of the Mobile & Ohio railroad; it is located in the north-eastern part of Randolph County, 26 miles by rail and 21 by road from Chester the county seat—34 miles from St. Louis and 92 from Cairo, on the M. & O. Ry.

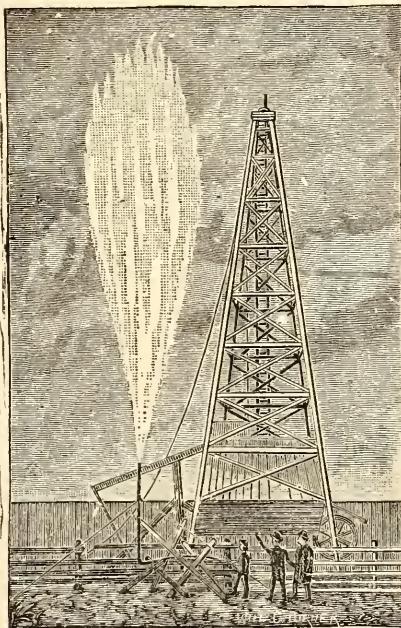
The Centralia & Chester R. R., a local enterprise is now built as far as Centralia, where it connects with all important roads, interlocking with the "Short Line" at Coultersville and the L. & N. at Nashville; the road is being extended southwest to Evansville and will likely be carried on to St. Genevieve, Mo.

The first organized settlement, originally known as Columbus, was made here in 1829 and eight years later the present town was incorporated. In slavery days it obtained no little notoriety as one of the principal stations on the so-called Underground Railroad, to which fact is probably due the rather extensive colored element in this section today.

The town is healthily situated upon a high well timbered prairie; the surrounding country is good agricultural land, rich and productive generally, and in parts the soil is somewhat exhausted by too persistent adherence to cereal crops, it is being rapidly restored to its full fertility through an important development in the raising of stock and the dairying industry which has made itself felt throughout the district of late years. In the breeding of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs the country around Sparta has come prominently to the front and her shipments in these lines, in wool and in butter form quite a feature of the freight and express traffic at this point.

There are several flourishing industries carried on in Sparta, notably a roller-mill turning out 450 barrels of flour daily; woollen mill manufacturing both yarn and cloth; a plow factory, an old established concern which has done as much to extend the city's reputation as any enterprise in the town; two very successful creameries, one of them conducted on the co-operation plan; the shops of the C. & C. R. R. are maintained here; there are two large machine shops, in one of which special attention is given to the re-building and repair of threshing machines and engines, and other agricultural machinery. The other makes a feature of the manufacture of dynamos and electric machinery in general and runs an electric lighting plant in connection, besides which there are several smaller repair shops, wagon shops etc; there is a press brick yard. But it is in her unusually valuable natural resources that Sparta attains her greatest celebrity, and is so fortunately situated as a desirable location for manufacturing enterprises. She enjoys the advantage of both coal and natural gas. The town is clearly within the natural gas belt, and from the indications is probably in the Petroleum Belt also; the gas is what is known as "sweet" or "petroleum gas" and while oil has not yet been found in marketable quantities, its existence is proven and within a short time it will probably be added to the list of Sparta's resources. In 1888 one or two of the clear-headed men of the town began a series of investigations, which resulted in the organization of a prospecting company—they invested considerable money in a well boring plant and began work; the first well struck gas in a bed of light grey porous sand at a depth of 848 feet, and had an extraordinarily strong pressure and steady flow. Encouraged by success the prospecting company was re-organized as a Gas Company and commenced well-boring in earnest and since then they have sunk on an average 80,830,000 cubic feet every year. The company now has twelve

wells in active operation supplying about 400 domestic fires consuming 54,750,000 cu., feet and several manufacturing establishments consuming about 25,000,000 cu. feet of gas per annum. The highest pressure ever obtained was 350 lbs. It is reduced by regulator to an eight ounce pressure in the mains, of which there are four miles through the town, of four and six inch pipes. The gas has very good illuminating powers and splendid qualities for steam, heating and cooking purposes; 23,000 cubic feet are estimated as the equivalent of the fuel capacity of one ton of coal. The wells generally hold up with steady pressure, diminishing somewhat during severe frost—this is supposed to be due to the effect of cold upon the moisture which is more or less present in all gas; it quickly recovers itself with a rise of the thermometer. Besides the wells belonging to



Striking a Gas Well.

the Gas Company there are several owned by individuals, three are owned by Mr. Borders, President of the Bank of Sparta. The field has not yet been developed to any great extent, and it is the opinion of many that at a greater depth a still stronger flow of gas would be secured, and this will doubtless be discovered during the prospecting which is being carried on for oil. The theory that Sparta is in the Petroleum Belt has much to support it—the quality of the gas strongly suggests it and the presence of oil is found in all the wells, just above salt water below which the flow is supposed to exist. The accumulations in the gas pipes and leakage from all connections, show a heavy black oil possessing desirable qualities as a lubricant and closely resembling the West Virginia lubricating oil. The nearest well where a flow is obtained in marketable quantities is at Noblesville, Indiana so that it would be a

very important thing for this section of the country were it to be found here in such volume as to give it commercial value.

Extensive coal beds exist directly under the town; two distinct veins of excellent bituminous coal are being worked at present, the mines in operation have a large output, and make heavy shipments from this point as well as supplying the local demand. Good water of excellent qualities for either manufacturing or domestic purposes, pure, soft, free from any organic matter is readily obtained in springs and wells ranging in depth from 30 to 500 feet; there is one artesian well at the Co-Operative Creamery, 480 feet deep, where the water is remarkably pure and soft.

In her favored geographical position and with direct connection with leading markets for the products of every kind of labor, with relatively cheap land, low rents, reasonable cost of living and the hearty co-operation and support of an industrious, progressive and intelligent people, Sparta stretches out her hand in invitation to everyone who is interested in these matters, and is seeking desirable location, be his capital small or large, whether he employs ten men or a thousand.

The city has a population of nearly 2500 inhabitants, without a saloon or other demoralizing influence. She has good churches which have a deep hold upon the community; the denominations represented are Catholic, Episcopalian, Methodist, Presbyterian, Reformed Presbyterian and United Presbyterian and the colored section have a church of their own, the A. M. E. There are good schools: the public school is one of which the city is justly proud, both from an educational and material standpoint; it is a substantial three-story brick building, has 770 scholars on its role and has a staff of twelve teachers. The levy for school purposes in 1893 was \$6700, of which \$2000 was to pay off an old indebtedness. The parochial schools have about 225 pupils, and in their own way are doing much good work. There are two libraries in the town, one maintained by the Public School, the other by the Odd Fellows. The fraternities have a flourishing membership here, the Masons, I. O. O. F., Knights of Pythias, Woodmen, G. A. R. and the Sons of Veterans being specially well represented—A. F. & A. M., I. O. O. F. and K. P. have halls, the last sharing jointly in a fine building on Broadway.

There are two banks, one private institution the other organized under the state laws and the Western Union Telegraph Co., and the Southern Express Co., both maintain offices in the town. There is an electric light plant, operated as a private enterprise, which lights the town with powerful arc lamps, under contract with the municipal authorities and also furnishes many of the stores with light. The town is well laid out, taking every advantage of its natural situation and particularly in the residence portions one comes across many a charming spot; excepting the principal thoroughfares the streets are lined with splendid shade trees.

Altogether Sparta is a thriving prosperous attractive little town; her people are intelligent wide-awake and energetic and are each and every one "of Sparta and for Sparta" and doing what they can to advance her best interests and build her up as a live and progressive city. They are not only peaceable and law-abiding but are kind neighborly and hospitable, treating well the stranger within their gates. Their merchants are shrewd and active in business and Sparta can boast of many a retail store that would be creditable to towns of larger growth.

THE SPARTA CO-OPERATIVE CREAMERY COMPANY, Wm. M. Brown, Sec'y.—The saying that "wheat is king" still obtains in some parts of the country but among the more progressive farming districts the clearest thinking men are not satisfied with the returns from this staple cereal and seek after something which will give a more regular and

steady profit. It is no assertion but fact that in the dairying industry lies many a farmer's salvation, for not only does it provide him with a steady income but in selling milk, butter and cheese he is selling those products which carry the highest value with the least possible exhaustion of the soil's fertility. Recognizing these facts, about four years ago several enterprising citizens of this community got together and organized the Sparta Co-Operative Creamery Company, which today is one of the most successful institutions of Illinois. There are about ninety stock holders in the Company, which is incorporated under the laws of the State with a capital of \$4000. The officers are local men; the management is undertaken by Mr. W. M. Brown, while the practical working of the Creamery is under Mr. C. F. Miller a thoroughly qualified and experienced butter-maker. The premises comprise the main building, 60x30 in area, engine and boiler house, and ice house holding 175 tons; the creamery runs upon the separator principle. Everything about the place from the big milk receiving vats to the butter scales, is kept sweet and clean as a well regulated Creamery should be, and nothing is left undone by the butter-maker or his assistants to secure and retain that uniformity of excellence for which their butter is widely celebrated. The equipment consists of one steam Russian centrifugal separator with an hourly capacity of 2500 lbs., and two Sharples Imperial Separators, capacity 1500 lbs., each; these are driven by a 17 h. p. engine at a rate of 7500 revolutions to the minute. There is a four hundred gallon box-churn and a Mason power butter worker, and numbers of other small appliances; the total capacity of the creamery is about 20,000 lbs. milk or 800 lbs. butter daily. Milk is received from both co-operative patrons and from others, and is purchased on the basis of the percentage of butter fat determined by the now well-known Babcock test; the following figures give some idea of the amount of business done:

	1892-3	1893-4
Milk received from co-operate patrons	2,248,524 lbs.	2,064,898 lbs.
Milk received from other patrons.....	542,230 "	505,562 "
Butter made.....	130,217 "	113,603 "
Sold for.....	\$ 31,618.25	\$ 26,816.76
Average yield Butter per 100 lbs., milk..	4.67	4.42
Summary,	1892-3	1893-4
Average price rec'd for butter,.....	\$ 24.28	\$ 23.60
Skim Sales.....	\$ 913.40	\$ 912.47
Average cost per 100 lbs. for total milk rec'd	.95	.90
Dividend paid on Capital Stock.....	8 p. c.	8 p. c.

The butter is shipped to Southern points and is sold exclusively to the order trade. The Company uses natural gas as fuel; the furnace is practically self-stoking, having an automatic regulator for the pressure of gas effecting a considerable economy in labor. The Creamery is fortunate in its water supply, derived from an artesian well 480 feet deep. Managed upon lines of sound commercial prudence, with its affairs liberally yet economically administered, with a splendid equipment and the practical working in the hands of competent men, success was not only the legitimate but the only possible outcome of their endeavors.

BANK OF SPARTA, J. J. Borders & Son, Bankers.—W. R. Borders, President.—The history of trade throughout those centuries that have elapsed since the institution of modern banking at the revival of civilization in Italy has shown that by far the most important of all factors in commercial life is the bank. The prosperity of banking institutions and the progress and development of any city are inseparable interests, and where one exists the other is a natural certainty. The Bank of Sparta was established in 1873 and from the day its doors were first opened to the public has had an active useful and prosperous career. The original promoter of the Bank was J. J. Borders.

Borders, by whose death three years ago the city sustained a severe loss. For some years business has been conducted under the style of J. J. Borders & Son, the latter is now sole owner and President of the Bank, the old firm name being retained; the other officers are Mr. A. Crozier, Cashier and Mr. Wm. Watson, Ass't Cashier. The paid up capital stock is \$25,000 with a large surplus and heavy individual liability; with its ample resources and conducted upon the leading principles of sound banking with a conservative yet liberal policy there is scarcely any limit to its sphere of usefulness. In addition to a general banking business, receiving deposits, making collections, buying and selling exchange and loaning upon approved collateral at low rates of interest, J. J. Borders & Son make a special feature of real estate business. They are themselves large property holders, having several thousand acres of fine farming lands as well as city property, and both as agents buy, sell and lease, and in the latter capacity look after properties for non-residents, collect rents, pay taxes etc., etc. Mr. W. R. Borders, who is a native Spartan, learned banking under his father's guidance and through experience and natural financial ability is a recognized authority in his profession. He is an active energetic man of many interests—owner of the Maple Valley Stock Farm where he raises fancy stock of all kinds and has a fine stud of pacing and trotting horses, he was one of the original promoters of the discovery of natural gas at Sparta and is now the owner of three gas wells; he is also largely interested in and is manager of The Little Bonanza Fan Mill Company, engaged in this town in the manufacture of a recently patented fan mill which is admitted superior to anything hitherto in the market and finally, is now organizing a building association, to be known as the Southern Illinois Improvement and Loan Association, incorporated with an authorized capital of one million dollars. In promoting this company, Mr. Borders has had the co-operation of one of the best known authorities on building associations in the State of Illinois, and adopting all those features of existing associations which have proved most satisfactory under the tests of time and practical working and eliminating those which have been found objectionable in any way, they have formulated an organization which will certainly be a model of its kind. Though a busy man Mr. Borders, does not neglect social relations and is a member of the Masonic order at Sparta and of the Tancrede Commandery No. 50 of Belleville.

**CENTRALIA & CHESTER, R. R., CO.**—Nothing has contributed more to the prosperity of this live little town than the organization of the Centralia and Chester R. R. Co., which took place seven years ago. The enterprise was conceived and carried out by Sparta business men with the co-operation of Eastern capitalists, their desire being to establish a belt line, placing this section in communication with important points by direct connection with the principal lines. The road, which is at present operating forty-seven miles was built to Centralia in the first place, and is now being extended to Evansville on the south. The equipment is first-class in every respect, good bed and modern stock, and by reason of its prompt, reliable service and the general efficiency of its management it enjoys a wide popularity with the traveling public and shippers. The officers of the Company, which is bonded for \$600,000, are as follows:—President, T. B. Needles of Nashville, Illinois; ex-United States Marshal; Secretary, S. L. Dwight; General Manager, R. Rosborough, a well-known local capitalist and mine-owner; General Freight and Passenger Agent, E. A. Burrill and Auditor, B. Stillson. The Sparta offices are the headquarters of the Company, and the shops are also located here; they give employment to 35 to 40 men. The gentlemen upon whom the active burden of the business management falls, have an intimate familiarity with the details of successful railroad operation, and throughout their administration of affairs has shown a discriminating judgement in anticipating the public re-

quirements. To their progressive methods the Company owes much, and by the success of the road the town of Sparta has been materially advanced in commercial development and reputation.

**SPARTA WOOLEN MILLS**, Jas. L. McClurken, Proprietor.—In reviewing the commercial resources of any city, her manufacturing enterprises naturally occupy the position of greatest prominence and are brought under the writer's earliest consideration. The Sparta Woolen Mills were one of the first industries to be established in this section, having been started by Mr. M. McClurken, father of the present proprietor, in 1850; they have been under James McClurken's management since 1891. The building in which the business is now located is not that in which it was first carried on, but the original Sparta Mills are now used by Mr. McClurken senior, as a wool warehouse; the present building was erected a few years ago. It is a three story brick, about 80x160 area and has been planned to permit interior arrangement with the greatest economy of space and facility of operation. The equipment consists of what is technically known as one "set", or a "system" of carding, twisting and spinning machinery, which has a capacity for turning out about 200 lbs. of yarn daily, and eight power-looms of various widths for the production of woolen goods. All the machinery is driven by a steam engine of 30 horse power; from twenty to twenty-five hands are employed in the mill. Mr. McClurken fully maintains the old established business connections, and has at the same time developed and widely extended his trade. In its present eminently successful position, the mill adds materially to the reputation of the city.

**JACOB SNYDER**, Meats.—Among the institutions of this thriving town, mention should be made of the business which Mr. Jacob Snyder established twenty-two years ago, and is still carrying on with undiminished popularity. Mr. Snyder kills all his own beef, employs two men steady, has steam sausage machinery, driven by a two horse power engine which is kept running all the time. Mr. Snyder was born in Ohio, but has been resident in Sparta for twenty two years; he cheerfully bears his share in fostering the best interests of the city, and has established a record of efficient public service as a member of the Board of Alderman, being elected to that position on four separate occasions.

**J. & S. H. ALEXANDER**, Druggists and Pharmacists.—A careful review of Sparta discloses the existence of houses, as complete in their several lines as similar establishments in larger cities. This Pharmacy was established twenty-five years ago by T. F. Alexander, and purchased from him, some two or three years later, by his brother Mr. J. Alexander, one of the present owners. After conducting the business alone for a short time Mr. Alexander admitted his cousin Mr. S. H. Alexander to partnership; in 1876 business was commenced under the style of J. & S. H. Alexander. Both gentlemen are registered pharmacists, Mr. J. Alexander having studied under his brother and in turn instructed his cousin, who later attended the Chicago College of Pharmacy. The store is 25x50 in extent, and displays an elaborate stock, which embraces everything to be found in a first-class drug-store, besides holiday books and de luxe editions of popular authors. They have unexcelled facilities and conduct their business in a progressive and enterprising manner, and in the prescription department exercise scrupulous accuracy and care.

**WM. M. BROWN**, Staple and Fancy Groceries.—This business, which was established ten years ago, has become one of the mercantile landmarks of the community. The store is centrally located on Market Street and occupies commodious premises 25x90 in extent; a heavy stock of groceries as well as queensware, glass, and woodenware is carried. The proprietor gives the business his personal supervision and has two assistants. Mr. Brown is a native

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Spartan, and is secretary of the Sparta Co-Operative Creamery Co. As a progressive business man and reliable citizen he enjoys the good-will and esteem of the entire community.

C. B. SKELLY.—This store occupies a desirable location at the corner of Broadway and Market Streets, and carries a large well chosen stock of notions, stationery, tinware, cigars and tobacco, fire-arms, cutlery, jewelry, musical instruments, etc. The business was established six years ago, and during that time Mr. Skelly has gained the firm confidence of the public by dealing in reliable goods only and selling them at reasonable prices. In addition to this busi-

len & Co., and was re-organized as a State Bank in June, 1892. The officers are E. B. McGuire, Mayor of Sparta, President; George C. Elker, Vice-President; and A. L. Wilson, Cashier, and these gentlemen with Mr. W. J. Brown of J. D. Brown & Co., and Mr. C. F. Allen, treasurer of the Sparta Creamery Company constitute the Board of Directors. The Bank does a general business in all the lines allowed under the state banking laws; receives deposits, payable either at demand or on time, buys and sells exchange, makes collections and loans on approved collateral at low rates of interest. Its affair are conducted in a shrewd conservative manner, its policy being based on the leading principles of modern banking. While the Board exercises a direct supervision over the Bank's transactions, the active management falls upon the shoulders of the Vice-President and the Cashier, both of whom are fully qualified by wide business experience for the discharge of their important duties. Mr. Elker was a member of the firm, which conducted the Bank before its re-organization, and Mr. Wilson was for many years Cashier of the Bank of Red Bud; they are men of energy, enterprise and executive ability, and they enjoy a firm hold upon the public confidence. The following is the last official statement made to the Auditor of Public accounts.

## RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts.....	\$ 66,361 51
Overdrafts Secured and Unsecured.....	2,166 51
Bonds and Stocks.....	24,957 07
Cash on hand.....	11,290 71
Due from other Banks.....	15,174 82
Banking House.....	4,900 00
Other Real Estate.....	4,822 18
Furniture and Fixtures.....	939 50
Loss and Expense, viz:	
Current Expenses, including Taxes.....	1 262 68
Checks and other Cash Items.....	224 74

Total.....\$132,099 72

## LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in.....	\$ 25,000 00
Surplus Fund.....	1,000 00
Undivided Profits.....	2,204 92
Individual Deposits subject to Check.....	41,361 36
Demand Certificates of Deposit.....	27,537 63
Time Certificates of Deposit.....	34,929 81
Due to other Banks.....	66 00

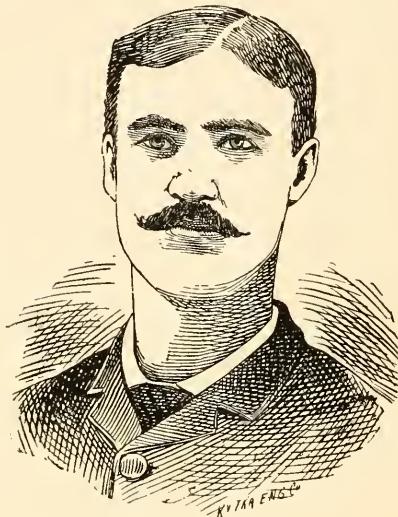
Total.....\$132,099 72

EAGLE MILLING CO., Flour Manufacturers.—One of the most important branches of industrial activity in this section is that of flour milling, and in this direction no institution has attained a position of greater prominence than the Eagle Milling Co. The mills were first started about twenty years ago, and have been in the hands of the present owners since 1884; under the new management they have been enlarged and improved, and now stand second to none in completeness of detail. The mill proper is a four story brick building, 60x60 in area; it is equipped with a full patent roller process with a daily capacity of 400 barrels, the machinery being driven by a 14x36 Corliss engine of 125 horse-power. The elevator, 30x60 area, has a capacity for 40,000 bushels of wheat and storage is provided in the mill for 1,500 barrels of flour. There is a well equipped cooper shop in connection, and between it and the mill some thirty men find employment. It is perhaps interesting to note that like several other manufacturing establishments in this vicinity, these mills use natural gas for fuel. The brands by which the Eagle Mills are best known, are the "Famous Patent" and "Rose of St. Catharine," sold exclusively to the southern trade; a large shipping business is done, for which the mills' own side-tracks connect with the C. & C. The proprietors and officers of the company are Mr. S. E. Grigg, President, and his son Mr. J. L. Grigg, secretary and Treasurer, the latter of whom takes the active management, assisted in the office by his brother, Mr. S. E. Grigg Jr. An experienced sales-

ness Mr. Skelly is proprietor of the Stone and Marble Works, and is a dealer in Head-stones, Monuments, Steps etc. He is a practical worker in both marble and stone. Two men are employed in the shop and all work is warranted for both quality of material and workmanship. As he employs no solicitors Mr. Skelly is enabled to save his customers the customary agents' commissions effecting a reduction in the cost of his work of twenty or twenty-five per cent. Mr. Skelly is a Spartan boy and was educated here in the town. He is a member of the K. P. order and of the Sons of Veterans, in which he holds the rank of Captain.

T. M. SPROUL, Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots.—The representative concern in its line in Sparta is the business so long and so successfully carried on by Mr. T. M. Sproul. The house was established twenty-eight years ago, and by hard work, push and energy was early placed among the first Spartan business enterprises, and its leading position has ever been faithfully maintained. The business occupies commodious premises, 25x100 or thereabouts, affording accommodation for a large stock of goods. The stock embraces dry-goods, clothing, boots, shoes, hats, caps and men's furnishing goods. Mr. Sproul is a native of Paisley, Scotland, but has long been a resident in Sparta where he has closely identified himself with every movement for her welfare and development. He is Alderman for the First Ward. In the management of his affairs Mr. Sproul is ably seconded by his son, Mr. A. D. Sproul a good representative of the city's younger class of business men.

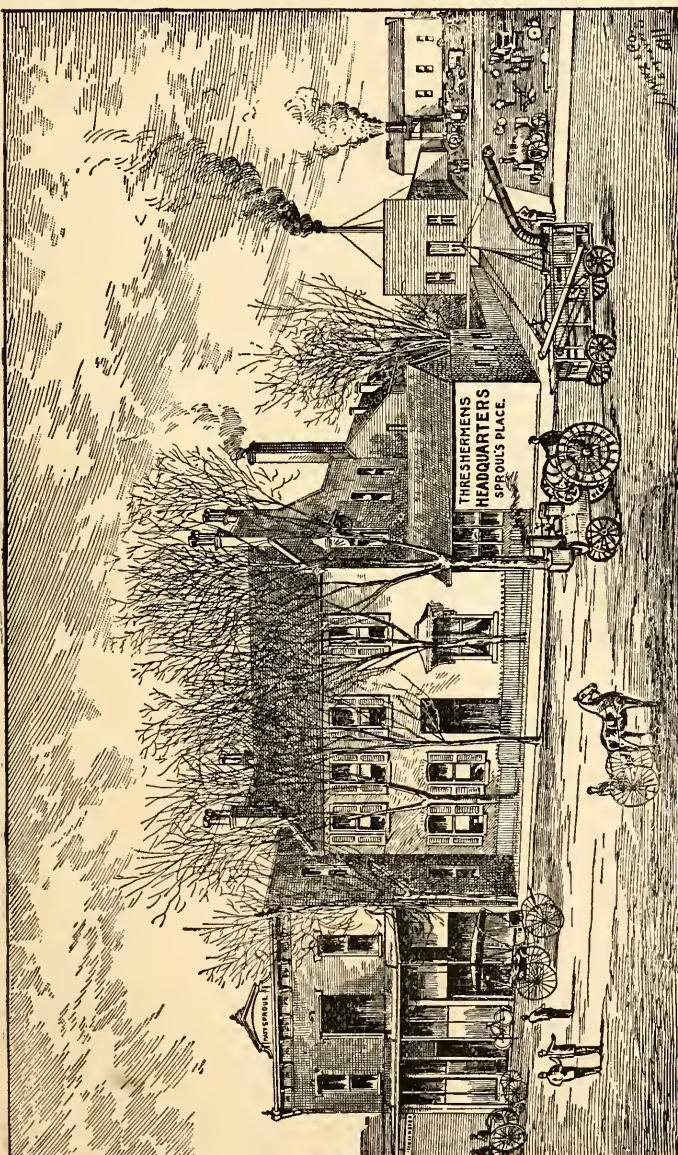
MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE BANK OF SPARTA.—This institution was established in 1885 as a private bank, under the name of Crothers, Al-



man, Mr. Charles Exum travels regularly for the company, and local agents are also maintained at important points. Mr. Grigg, senior, was for eighteen years superintendent of the G. T. Plant Milling Company of St. Louis. Since taking up residence in Sparta they have closely identified themselves with local interests, and by progressive business methods have contributed not a little to our city's development, and done much to extend her commercial credit and reputation. Mr. J. L. Grigg has cheerfully taken a share of municipal duties and rendered efficient public service as a member of the City Council and Alderman for the Second Ward.

**W. G. CHAMBERS.** Books, Stationery and Wall Paper.—The business, of which Mr. W. G. Chambers is sole proprietor, was established as

long ago as 1866, and has ever maintained a position in the first ranks of Spartan mercantile institutions. The store is 20x56 in extent and affords accommodation for a large stock of school, church and general books, stationery and wall-papers. Mr. Chambers at one time maintained a circulating library, and these books are now for sale, offering a good opportunity for one to get some good works at small cost. He was born near the city and by up-bringing and education is a thorough-going Spartan. He was Postmaster at one time and it was during his term, under the Lincoln administration, that the office was made a Presidential appointment. He is a capable business man, and his well deserved success has been gained by close attention to the wants of the public and the exercise of a sound practical business judgement.



Warehouse, Residence and Office on Market Street, and Machine Shops on McClellan Avenue.

**MATT. SPROUL,** Dealer in Farm Machinery, Engines and Separators a Specialty.—Mr. Sproul is general agent for the well known Belleville engines, separators and wind straw stackers and is a large dealer in saw mills, clover hullers, circular saws, stem and jet pumps, belting and hose, gas pipe and fixtures, brass goods and engineers supplies, small horse powers, hay presses, road graders, wood saws, cutting boxes and bicycles. There are few threshermen, engineers or saw mill men of Southern Illinois or Southeast Missouri that have not dealt with Matt Sproul of Sparta, and as far as his name has reached so far has Sparta's business credit and reputation been extended. Mr. Sproul has had twenty-seven years practical experience in running, selling and rebuilding this class of machinery, and has been established in business on his present basis since 1881. He has his office and large double warehouse adjoining conveniently located on Market Street, and has extensive machine and repair shops in the immediate neighborhood, on McClellan avenue. Being himself an expert machinist he is able to superintend every branch of the work carried on in his shop; all operations are conducted on his own premises and having ample capital he is able to secure all labor, materials and machinery at the lowest obtainable cash terms. With these facilities Mr. Sproul offers his patrons unusual inducements such as they can hardly duplicate elsewhere, and it is therefore scarcely to be wondered at that an excessively large and prosperous business has resulted. Mr. Sproul was born in Paisley, Scotland, and possesses all the sturdy independence and sterling honesty charac-

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teristic of his race—he has been resident in Sparta for forty years and from the first has been recognized as a desirable citizen in every way, and as one who has borne his share in promoting the city's best interests. In the way of public service he has cheerfully taken a part, and is at present a member of the City Council Alderman for the Second ward. Mr. Sproul is a member of the Masonic order, Knight Templar of the Tancrede Commandery No. 50 of Belleville.

**LEINER BROS.**, Butchers and dealers in Fresh Meats, Sausage and Live Stock.—This is the oldest meat market in the city; it dates from 1872, in which year the firm of Leiner Bros., was called into existence. The members of the co-partnership are H. J. Leiner and B. H. Lefner, both native Spartans born and raised. They have two employees, and do a thriving business, enjoying a very large proportion of the city trade. They kill their own beef buying it from local stock raisers and are thus able to warrant the quality and condition of whatever they offer for sale. They deal somewhat extensively in live stock, shipping to all the important markets. Mr. H. J. Leiner has been a member of the city council; he is a member of the K. P. fraternity.

**SPARTA CREAMERY CO.**.—The Sparta Creamery Company was organized nine years ago and has the credit of being the pioneer Creamery of Southern Illinois; the officers of the Company which is incorporated with a capital of \$10,000, are J. S. Brown, President, Mr. C. F. Allen, Treasurer and J. C. Brown, Secretary. The premises occupied by the Creamery are known as the old cooper shop, and have been enlarged and adapted to the business. The plant comprises six centrifugal De Laval separators and one Sharples separator, each of a capacity of nine hundred pounds of milk every hour; these are driven by a 20 h. p. steam engine at a rate of about 8,000 revolutions a minute. There are large cream vats, two 300 gallon box churms and one holding 250 gallons, driven of course by machinery and two power butter workers. The total capacity of the Creamery is about 30,000 lbs. milk or 1250 lbs. butter daily; last season the output of butter was 148,000 lbs. All milk is tested by the Babcock tester. The butter has only once been exhibited at the State Dairy Show, on which occasion it secured the first premium. Five persons are employed at the Creamery. The active burden of the business falls upon Mr. Brown the Secretary, by whose efforts with the cordial assistance and co-operation of his fellow officers and directors the Company has been placed in its satisfactory position.

**P. B. McMANUS**, Manufacturer of Sash and Doors, etc. etc.—The building trades are the best indicators of a city's prosperity, and it is therefore a matter on which Sparta may pride herself that she has such a flourishing establishment in her midst as that of Mr. P. B. McManus. This business was established seven years ago, and from the outset has enjoyed an active and progressive trade. From fifteen to twenty-five men are employed in the factory, according to the work on hand which is done exclusively on orders; the lines of production embrace sash, doors, blinds, mouldings, brackets, door and window frames, plinth blocks, scroll sawing and turning and stair work, in addition to which Mr. McManus carries on a general line of outside contracting for all kinds of joiner and carpenter work. The factory is a large two-story building and is equipped throughout with the best wood-working machinery; a steam engine 25 h. p. burning natural gas for fuel, is the motive power. Mr. McManus is a native Spartan, but received his technical education in St. Louis; he is thoroughly at home in every department of the business and familiar with the handling of every wood-working machine ever put in operation. His enterprise is one which in every way has materially contributed to the commercial development of our city, as a large employer of labor, consuming annually many hundred thousand feet of lumber and

with a production of which the cash value represents a very large amount.

**W. J. SPROUL**, Jeweler and Optician.—This business was established by Mr. Sproul about five years ago. He is a practical watch maker and jeweler, and carries a choice stock of watches, clocks, diamonds, silverware, jewelry, besides bric a brac and fancy chinias. Mr. Sproul who is a native Spartan, studied at the Ophthalmic College, where he graduated in 1892, and for two years was a professor in the optical department of the Chicago College of Horology. He has made an exhaustive study of the eye, and is perfectly at home with every optical appliance in existence, and filling orders for glasses to meet occultists' prescriptions is a feature of his business. As a practical watchmaker he makes a specialty of repairing watches, clocks and fine jewelry. Mr. Sproul is yet a comparatively young man, and possesses much business energy and ability; he is a Director in the Sparta Building and Loan Association.

**J. A. HOLDOWAY**, Baker and Confectioner.—A very important branch of commercial activity in this prosperous little town is the business so long and ably conducted by Mr. J. A. Holdoway. He is an Englishman by birth and learned his trade in London; at a later period he was in business in Australia and came to Sparta twenty years ago and at once established the business in which he is now engaged. The bakery is centrally located in desirable premises on Broadway; in front is the store, and in the rear is the bakery where two skilled operators are employed the proprietor himself taking a hand in the practical working of the shop. Mr. Holdoway is an energetic man, and has taken a keen interest in making Sparta a live and progressive city; he is a Director of the Sparta Building and Loan association and of the Sparta Press Brick Company.

**CHAS. J. KELLER**, Machinist, Manager and Proprietor, Sparta Electric Light Plant and Machine Shops.—This business was established five years ago by Mr. E. Gaston, and passed into Mr. Keller's hands in 1892 at which time the machine shop was added to the establishment. The premises in which the plant is located, are 25x50 in extent, and for its size the equipment is as complete as the science of electrical engineering can make it, and comprises a 20 h. p. steam engine (natural gas) and a dynamo of twenty-five arc-light capacity. Mr. Keller is at present operating ten arc lamps of two thousand candle power each, under contract with the city, and eight commercial lamps equal capacity; this necessitates the use of about four miles of wire lines. The machine shop, 30x60 area, is splendidly equipped with power and hand machinery and appliances of all descriptions incidental to the successful prosecution of this line of work; general repairs and re-building of mining, milling and farming machinery, and the manufacture of dynamos and electric appliances are the lines to which Mr. Keller gives special attention. From six to eight men are usually employed. Mr. Keller is a native of St. Louis, and learned his trade as a machinist in that city; he was many years chief engineer at the Anchor Mills in St. Louis, and later was employed in the construction and erection of some large mining machinery plants in Old Mexico for some St. Louis capitalists. He is also an inventor, and patentee of a rotary engine for operating an electric head-light.

**SPARTA PLOW WORKS**, F. R. Crothers.—Sparta being in the centre of an important agricultural district the traffic in farming implements and machinery has always formed a prominent part of her trade, and in this direction the Sparta Plow Works have long occupied a leading position. They were established in 1843, and have been carried on by Mr. Crothers as sole proprietor for over thirty-six years; he commenced at first upon a small scale, and by progressive methods has brought the business to its present eminently successful position. The main factory is 60x240 in extent, and is completely equipped with all the machinery and

labor-saving appliances required for the successful operation of the business upon a large scale; machinery is driven by a steam engine of 25 h. p. The Sparta gang, sulky and hand plows are justly celebrated and are in demand in all parts of the Union. Mr. Crothers is a native of Indiana, and has been resident in this city since 1837. For some years he was at the head of the Merchants Exchange Bank, when it was conducted by Crothers, Allen & Co. He is one of the most esteemed men of the county and has reared an enterprise which has contributed very largely to Sparta's wide-spread reputation as a live and progressive centre. He is ably assisted in the details of business management by his adopted son Mr. W. H. Pinkerton; his nephew Mr. F. E. Pinkerton is book-keeper.

J. T. CLENDENIN, Manufacturer and dealer in Harness and Saddlery.—This business was established in 1857 by Mr. S. C. Clendenin, father of the present proprietor, into whose hands it passed fourteen years ago. The store is 22x40 in extent, and affords ample accommodation for the well assorted stock on hand, all of which excepting collars and light single harness, has been made on the premises. Mr. Clendenin who learned his trade under his father's guidance, does also quite a large business in the way of repairs, to which class of orders he gives careful attention with the help of a competent assistant. A native of the city, Mr. Clendenin takes keen interest in the promotion of Sparta's welfare, and cheerfully performs his share of public duties. He is at present Alderman for the Third Ward, and is also one of the Directors of the Sparta Building and Loan Association.

BROADWAY HOTEL, J. M. Hawthorne, Prop.—The Broadway is the only Hotel in the city but as long as it is under its present able management there is scarcely any need for another. It is a large three-story brick building, containing from thirty to forty bed-rooms with ample parlors and other accommodation. There is a comfortable office with sample room. The dining-room deserves special mention, being large enough to dine a regiment at a sitting and the tables are always so well provided with the good things of life, that no matter how great an influx of travellers, all can be taken care of and provided for in the most sufficient manner. The hotel is lighted by natural gas and is piped throughout from attic to cellar so that in cold weather gas stoves can be readily brought into use. The proprietor Mr. J. M. Hawthorne has not been very long in possession but has already demonstrated his experience in hotel manage-

ment; he looks after details with a careful attention, by his direct supervision ensures that all arrangements are carried out smoothly and satisfactorily, so that its wide-spread popularity and reputation as a first-class house will undoubtedly be long retained. The Hotel is centrally located, close to the business section of the city and at a convenient distance from both depots.

FRED KURZ, Watches, Clocks and Jewelry.—Born in Germany, Mr. Kurtz came to this country ten years ago, and shortly after established himself in business in Sparta. He learned his trade in the old country. The premises he occupies are located on Broadway, and admirably suited to the needs of the business. The store displays a large stock of goods, embracing clocks, watches, jewelry, silverware, optical goods etc. etc. Four years ago Mr. Kurz acquired a similar business in the neighbouring town of Red Bud. He makes a specialty of repairing fine watches and jewelry in which line he possesses the skill born of experience as well as a natural dexterity of hand.

B. H. WING, Agent M. & O. R. R.—Mr. Wing is comparatively a young man but has already had a wide range of railroad experience. He entered the service in his native state of Michigan, as operator in the employ of the Chicago & Grand Trunk Railway, and later was with the Union Pacific and Iron Mountain Railroads; he began his connection with the M. & O. as agent at Columbia, was later transferred to Burkesville in the same capacity, and in October of last year was placed in charge of their interests at this point. Mr. Wing has made a good record with our community in the short time he has been here, and when as in the course of promotion he must be, he is transferred to another place his career will be watched with much interest by his many Spartan friends.

SCHULENBURG & BOECKELE LUMBER CO. S. W. Gardner, Manager.—Among the more prominent business interests of this prosperous town, we must mention the lumber yard of Schulenburg & Boeckeler. This is a branch yard, the headquarters of the Company being in St. Louis; it is under the local management of Mr. S. W. Gardner. The premises comprising office, warehouse and yard cover about half-an-acre; three men are regularly employed. Mr. Gardner is a Spartan, born and raised, he has been in the lumber trade since ever he entered business life. By progressive and enterprising management he has built up a good connection for the Company, and maintains the yard in the first rank of local business interests.

## RED BUD.

Red Bud precinct is located in the north-west part of Randolph County, and is bounded by Monroe County on the north and west, the Kaskaskia River on the East and by Ruma precinct and Horse Creek on the South. There were white settlers in this locality nearly one hundred years ago, but the earliest organized settlement was located about 1825 at a place called Prairieville two miles south of the present town of Red Bud. This settlement consisted of a Post-Office, a few houses, at the most three stores, but the situation was not altogether desirable and, when Red Bud was called into existence in the early part of 1838, it was an easy matter to attract the settlement to the new location. The town was platted and laid out in 1848 but it was not until 1866 that it received its first charter as a village; this was amended in 1875 and re-incorporation as a city under its present charter was then effected. The municipal government is

rested in the hands of a Mayor and six Aldermen, with the usual officials serving under them. The population at the first of June this year was 1307, and since that date several families have moved in bringing the total number of persons up to 1325; without any boom the town is growing, a healthy development based upon its present and increasing business. Several new buildings were erected this summer notably a business block, on North Main street and the City Buildings upon Market street. These latter cost in the neighborhood of ten thousand dollars, and are the finest municipal buildings in proportion to the population in any town of Southern Illinois. The old City Hall, a frame structure, was demolished by a severe cyclone which visited the town with much damage about two years ago. The new building is brick, finished in pressed brick with granite and Indiana white stone pediments; it is two-stories in height, 50x75 area, and is well plan-

ned as to afford the greatest possible amount of accomodation. On the ground floor are the offices for the Mayor, Clerk and other officials; in the rear at the south-east corner is the calaboose, with steel cages, and at the opposite corner is the fire-engine house; the upper floor is one large hall for city and public purposes.

Red Bud is essentially a brick city, almost all of the business blocks and a large number of the residences are built of this material, two yards in the vicinity furnishing brick of excellent quality. The streets and sidewalks are paved with brick and stone; the lay of the town enables them by a system of gutter drainage to be easily kept clean and dry. A good quality of water for domestic purposes is readily obtained anywhere, the wells ranging in depth from twenty to sixty feet. At Ziebold's Mill there is an artesian well, 250 feet deep, where there is a strong head of water of magnetic quality and believed to possess valuable medicinal virtues. A well was dug by the city eleven hundred feet deep, unfortunately not of any value; it was bored while prospecting for coal or oil, and after passing through three layers of salt and then considerable depth of magnetic rock, it was carried too far and struck another layer of salt rendering it useless for any purposes whatever.

In public institutions the town has four churches; Baptist, Catholic, Lutheran and Methodist, a public hall, Masonic Hall and the public school, a substantial brick building. There are 256 scholars upon the rolls and five teachers. There are parochial schools of the Catholic and Lutheran denominations, which between them have an aggregate enrolment of some hundred and seventy pupils.

Such secret orders as are represented by local lodges have a good membership: the Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Honor, G. A. R., Ladies Relief Corps, and Treubund are in a flourishing condition.

There is at present a volunteer hook and ladder company, and as soon as the City Hall is completed it is intended to put in a fire-engine of the latest style suited to local requirements.

Extensive improvements have been made at the M. & O. Depot, which add greatly to the shipping facilities and to passengers convenience.

There are two roller flour mills of an aggregate capacity of between six and seven hundred barrels; there is a Creamery of a capacity of 10,000 lbs. milk and about 500, lbs butter daily; a stone quarry, and lime kiln, a private bank, two lumber yards, five general stores, two groceries, two feed and sale stables, just consolidated under one management, two hardware stores, two meat markets, bakery, two pharmacies, two furniture stores and undertaking establishments, blacksmith shops, wagon makers and implement dealers, two shoe stores two millinery stores, several barber shops, one cigar factory, one real estate agency, three insurance agencies, two hotels, two tailors, one photograph gallery, one soda factory, one steam laundry, two harness shops, two lawyers, two doctors and one dentist, and there is one weekly newspaper (Democratic), a post-office, express office and the usual complement of saloons. Taxation for city purposes is very light the school maintenance being by far the greatest part of their expenditure, and indeed it is stated on good authority that the new city buildings will be paid for, almost if not entirely, out of the revenue from licences.

The community of the surrounding district is essentially a farming one; the county is gently undulating, just sufficient to afford a fine natural drainage, it is yet covered in part with the original timber; the arable land is of good quality and easily tilled.

There is no extreme poverty and there is a good deal of wealth, among the people and if everybody is not equally prosperous, all are at any rate in a fair way to make a comfortable living.

**RED BUD CREAMERY.**, R. G. Welford, Prop.—This business was established about eight years ago under Mr. Welford's management, the ownership being in the hands of other parties; two years ago Mr. Welford acquired the business for himself. It is a separator creamery, equipped with two Duval separators of a capacity of about 10,000 lbs. of milk daily. These separators are driven by a six-horse power steam engine and have a speed of 8,000 revolutions to the minute. The creamery turns out four to five hundred pounds of butter daily, all done by machinery and never touched by hand from beginning to end; there is a box-churn holding 300 gallons driven by steam, and the butter is worked on a Mason power butter-worker, a revolving table capable of holding the entire day's output at one time. The main building is 25x40 with engine and boiler house adjoining, and there is an ice-house affording storage for 100 tons. At the World's Fair butter from this creamery was awarded a gold medal, which honor was attained by only some twenty out of three hundred Illinois exhibitors. Mr. Welford was born at Woodstock, Canada, a noted centre of butter and cheese manufacture in the Dominion, but curiously enough learned the trade after he came to this country, in the State of Ohio. He has been engaged in the business for twenty-seven years and to a natural ability has added skill born of experience. He has established valuable connections with St. Louis, where besides a general trade he keeps two retail wagons delivering his fine butter direct to consumers. All the butter made at this Creamery has a splendid reputation and is in active demand, and Mr. Welford has the satisfaction of finding his business materially increasing from year to year.

**OHLWINE, SCHRIEBER & CO., Bankers.**—The Bank of Red Bud, which is carried on by a private co-partnership of unlimited liability was established in 1857, under the style of Ohlwine, Schrieber & Co.; the officers are Mr. David Ohlwine, President and Mr. Theo. Saxenmeyer, Cashier. A general banking business is carried on; deposits are received and collections undertaken, foreign exchange is bought and sold and loans made at low rates of interest upon approved collateral. The funds of the bank are protected by a Mosler burglar proof screw-door bank safe, which weighs over nine thousand pounds, and protection is also obtained by insurance against burglary in the Fidelity & Casualty company of New York. There are eleven members of the co-partnership, all of this community, successful men in their own affairs; their personal records are guarantees of the bank's good management and continued prosperity, which is full of promise of future gain to the town, as in the past it has exercised no little influence over her growth and prosperity.

**THEO. SAXENMEYER, Insurance Agent.**—The leading underwriter in Red Bud is Mr. Theo. Saxenmeyer the well-known Cashier of the Red Bud Bank. He represents a splendid line of companies, such as the Milwaukee, Merchants & Mechanics, the American Central, the Queen of America, German of Peoria and the New York Fidelity and Casualty. Besides writing fire and life policies, he furnishes reliable tornado insurance at very reasonable terms. A native of Red Bud born and raised, Mr. Saxenmeyer takes a natural interest in fostering its business, and is regarded as one of the bulwarks of the county.

**C. BECKER, Manufacturer Best Roller Process Flour.**—One of the most important things in the town of Red Bud is the mill recently purchased and now operated by Mr. C. Becker. This mill was built twenty years ago, and since 1881 had been in the hands of H. B. Eggers & Co. of St. Louis, of which firm Mr. Becker was formerly a member; it passed to him at the 1st. of May, 1894, and work, which had to be stopped pending the transfer, was at once resumed and the mill is now running busily and merrily along. The mill proper is a three story brick building; the equipment is that of the patent roller process, driven by a steam engine of 150

h. p., the daily capacity is about two hundred and seventy-five barrels. The mill and elevator have a joint capacity of 35,000 bushels of wheat and 2,000 barrels of flour. Between the mill and cooper-shop some twenty men find steady employment. The mill has side-track facilities and an important shipping business is done, chiefly to Southern states. Mr. Becker is a gentleman of long experience in the milling trade, and is regarded by all as a man of ability and sound judgement.

**CLAUS PETERSEN**, Manufacturer of Wagons and Dealer in Agricultural Implements.—The most prominent establishment in Red Bud dealing in implements and machinery is that of Mr. Claus Petersen. The business has had existence twenty-five years. Mr. Petersen handles the goods of every implement maker of standing in the United States, and his facilities are such that he can fill orders for anything in this line upon the shortest notice. He has a shop for the manufacture of wagons, carriages etc. and for repairs; from four to five people are employed. Mr. Petersen has been resident in Red Bud for about thirty years; he was many years one of the City Alderman and is at present an active member of the Board of Education. Experienced in his business, liberal and reliable in his dealings he justly enjoys the confidence of a very large number of customers.

**S. FULTS**, Photograph Gallery.—Mr. Fults has only been established in business for himself for about six months, but had been operating the gallery for some time previously in the interests of his brother, Mr. L. Fults of Waterloo. This business is an old favorite with the community, by whom it is yet called familiarly Nixon's Studio, after the former proprietor. It is well appointed with three principal rooms, reception and operating-room and workshop. Mr. Fults who is a native of Mичe, Ill., learned his business in his brother's gallery at Waterloo. He does all kinds of portrait and landscape work, crayon, enlarging, finishing in colors etc. His pictures never fail to give satisfaction and his continued success in the business is assured.

**AUG. KALBITZ**, Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silverware & Optical Goods.—One of the pushing men of the city is Mr. August Kalbitz, who

has been established in business here since 1880. Born and raised in St. Louis he served his apprenticeship in one of the larger jewelry houses of that city, where he gained a thorough knowledge of the trade and acquired a reputation as a sound and skilful workman. In his conveniently arranged store Mr. Kalbitz displays a choice and for a country town, extensive stock of clocks, watches, diamonds, gold and silver jewelry, besides a fine assortment of silverware by such standard manufacturers as Rogers Bros. of Hartford and Peiton Bros., of St. Louis. He is agent for the Elgin and Waltham watch factories. Mr. Kalbitz takes no little interest in matters of public concern, and is now serving his third year as one of the members of the Board of Education. He is an I. O. O. F., Egypt Star Lodge 285, and treasurer of the Lodge.

**HOTEL BUETTNER**.—Is an old time favorite with commercial men. It is a three-story building, conveniently arranged and with about thirty bed-rooms, besides parlors and sample-rooms and bar. Everything is clean, tidy and nicely kept, and the table is uncommonly well provided with the good things of life, while the rates for either transient or regular guests are reasonable. Mr. Buettner is also proprietor of the Columbian Steam Laundry, a recent addition to the business facilities of the town. The patronage which the house receives represents the most desirable class of hotel custom, which is attracted by the reputation Mr. Buettner enjoys as an enterprising landlord.

**FRED D. GUKER**, Real Estate and Insurance, City Clerk.—Mr. Fred D. Guiker is a native of the old town of Kaskaskia once the seat of the state government but now almost destroyed by the encroachments of the river. He has been a resident of Red Bud since 1865. He has an important real estate business in city property and farming land, and being familiar with every corner of the county his services are much in request. Mr. Guiker is also underwriter of life, fire and tornado insurance; he is local agent for the Phoenix Loan Association of St. Joe, Mo. For nineteen consecutive years he has filled the office of City Clerk; for seventeen years has been a Justice of Peace and is also a Notary Public. He is an Odd Fellow and a Knight of Honor, and last but not least, a Mason.

## CHESTER.

Chester, the judicial seat of Randolph County, is located on the left bank of the Mississippi about a mile and a half south of where it receives the waters of the Okaw or Kaskaskia River; it is almost exactly midway between St. Louis and Cairo, and is the largest river town between these points. It is at present the Western terminus of the Wabash, Chester and Western Railroad, and is by rail 79 miles to St. Louis.

The first entry of land, upon the site where Chester now is, was made in 1816 by John McFernon, who later had the distinction of representing Randolph County in the first legislature convened after Illinois became a State.

In 1819 a company was organized in Cincinnati, O., to found a town near the mouth of the Kaskaskia, the spot chosen being where the Southern Illinois Penitentiary and Criminal Insane Asylum now stands; in spite of the enterprise displayed by the little community the town refused to grow, and the unsuccessful scheme was abandoned.

Ten years later the settlement of Chester, upon its present location inaugurated and was attended with better fortune; the upbuilding of a town began in real earnest, and in 1835 it received its charter of incorporation. This year witnessed the building of the first brick house

in the county, which however had but a comparatively brief existence, for, standing on the very banks of the River, it fell a victim to the vagaries of an unmanageable steamboat during the memorable floods of 1844. In 1837 a steady development and expansion of business set in and it was the opinion of many that Chester would become one of the greater cities of the southwest.

The historic point of Kaskaskia, the oldest settlement west of the Alleghanies, had been the seat of county government ever since Randolph County was organized, and it was only after long and determined opposition that it was transferred to the younger settlement; this was accomplished in 1848. Up to this time the growth of the town was along the foot of the bluffs, or as it is now familiarly called "under the hill", and many years elapsed before it was extended to the higher ground; when the court-house was built on the hill it created a favorable feeling in this direction, and many of the merchants sought locations in upper Chester, the Post-Office following suit in 1880. Besides the lower and upper towns there is a settlement at the extreme eastern limit, called Buena Vista, which almost forms a distinct little community in itself; it was originally and is to-day composed chiefly of those citizens who are of German birth or descent. The in-

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tervening portions of the town connecting these business sections, are thickly covered with tasteful residences and comfortable homes.

In 1855 Chester was re-incorporated as a city, the first election under the new charter being held in April of the year following. In 1858 the first public school was built and at that time was looked on as something very far advanced, although beside the splendid new building erected in 1882 it would have seemed sadly dwarfed and insignificant.

At the commencement of the Civil War the population numbered about one thousand souls; within the decade since the close of that period it has grown to nearly four times that number.

Church organizations here are, Baptist, Catholic, Episcopal, German Lutheran, Methodist (three) and Presbyterian churches. In educational facilities the town besides the public schools, has intermediate, Catholic and Lutheran parochial schools and a colored school.

Quite a number of the secret orders are represented, those with the largest following being the Odd Fellows, the Masonic Fraternity, who have a Royal Arch Chapter, Knights of Pythias, Knights of Honor and American Legion of Honor.

The town is blessed with good streets, generally well graded and well drained for which the natural lie of the land affords splendid facilities; they are lighted by electricity under contract between the municipal authorities and a private corporation.

The city cemetery was laid out in 1843, and has since been enlarged and improved; here many of those who were prominent in the early days of Randolph county find their last rest, notably Governor Shadrach Bond whose remains were brought here from old Kaskia in 1880—a handsome monument marks his grave.

There is an Opera House in Buena Vista, and the Chester Theatre is located in the heart of the Upper Town; it has a seating capacity of 650, is furnished with electric light and steam heat, and has a 28x50 stage with a good large stock of scenery.

An institution which has done much to advertise the city and further her development in various lines is the Southern Illinois Stock and Agricultural Association which celebrates its majority this year. The Fair Grounds sixty acres in extent, are half a mile east of the corporation limits; they have a fine race track, one-third of a mile in length, admittedly the best of its size in this quarter.

As previously mentioned the Southern State Penitentiary is located here; it was built in 1877; it is far enough removed to keep it from being an undesirable neighbor and the volume of its annual pay roll is a factor to the mercantile interests.

There are two Banks, one a National, the other a private enterprise, two weekly newspapers, three flour mills, foundry, several machine shops, wagon and carriage shops, pipe-organ factory, hollow-ware factory, two stone and marble yards.

The Wabash, Chester & Western Railroad, a Chester enterprise was organized in 1876; the road is 61 miles in length twenty-two and one-half having been added to it during 1883. It connects with the Mobile & Ohio at Percy, the Short Line at Pinkneyville, the Illinois Central at Tamaroa, and at Mt. Vernon with both the Louisville & Nashville and the Louisville Air Line, thus giving direct communication with leading trade and railroad centres. The building of this road was a great thing for Chester which would otherwise have suffered to a considerable extent after the diminution in the river traffic. Her railroad facilities are in a fair way to be greatly extended within a short time; the road now being built in Missouri from Perryville to St. Mary's touching the river at Claryville, directly opposite Chester, will form by transfer boats, direct communication with the W. C. & W. R. R., and if it is eventually extended to a point on the Iron Mount-

tain, as is not improbable, and so connect Missouri ore with Illinois coal it will open up prospects of greatly extended commerce for Chester. Another railroad prospect which is now on foot is to build a road from Chester to St. Louis along the bank of the river, or rather skirting the foot of the bluffs. The proposed route has been examined by competent authorities who pronounce it not only perfectly feasible but a road which could be completed at a minimum of cost, and operated at an equally low expense. The whole distance, about seventy-five miles, has but a slight rise and very little grading would be required; the levee for many miles offers an opportunity for an easily constructed road bed; the line would run through a very rich district which only lacks transportation facilities to develop it into one extended truck garden.

Randolph county is rich in agricultural products, and wheat raising and flour milling have long been her leading interests; the old Riley Mill at Kaskaskia built at least two hundred years ago, now an abandoned ruin about which the spirit of its first owner, Prix Paget, still lingers, in the garb he wore when treacherously murdered by the Kickapoos, is supposed to have been the first mill ever operated in the State. Chester is now the seat of the milling industry, and her shipments of flour, which are principally to Southern markets, form perhaps the most important feature in the volume of her trade. Hogs, cattle, horses and sheep are shipped in considerable numbers; Randolph has long been noted for her live-stock and among her farmers are many enthusiastic breeders who are successful exponents of the results that may be achieved from good blood and intelligent handling; large quantities of hay, grain and country produce are also shipped during the season.

There are several creameries in active operation throughout the district, sending heavy shipments of butter to both St. Louis and southern markets as well as supplying an extensive local demand.

Although the glory of the river has departed, Chester has considerable traffic in this way, and enjoys the advantage of cheap water transportation.

As a place of residence Chester's location has many features of natural beauty; the bluffs are thickly wooded with a picturesque variety of timber with grassy banks and gaps here and there affording lovely vistas of river scenery..

**THE CHESTER LIGHT, WATER & ICE CO.—** This company, which was organized quite recently, with Mr. John D. Gerlach as the moving spirit, is carrying on an enterprise of possibly greater importance to the people of Chester than anything previously inaugurated. At present they are supplying electric lighting, artificial ice, and may eventually put in water service. The equipment is thoroughly modern and its capacity is great enough to meet the wants of the city for many years to come. The plant is located in lower Chester, at the side of the railway, conveniently situated with reference to both fuel and water supplies; the building is a brick structure, that part of it which is devoted to ice-manufacture being two stories high. It is furnished with two tubular boilers, capacity 60 h. p. each, and two engines—one a 100 h. p. the other a Rankin-Fritsch Coriolis of 125 h. p. The electric plant comprises two Brush dynamos, one of a capacity of 60 arc lights of 2000 candle-power and one alternating incandescent dynamo capacity 1200 lights of 16 candle-power; thirty-one arc lights are operated at present and they have about twelve hundred small lights wired of which a half are commonly in use. In the manufacture of ice, the compression system is used; the plant is furnished with the Linde ice machine, and has a daily capacity of ten tons. It is made from the exhaust steam from the engines, the water having been drawn from the river, filtered into boilers, then, after it comes from the exhaust pump, the steam is condensed, re-boiled and re-filtered. The equip-

ment here consists chiefly of belted compressor, circulating pumps, ammonia pump and condenser, and the freezing tank, which is an iron receptacle having 240 molds each of a capacity of 250 lbs. ice. The freezing process requires 72 hours and the manufacture, which is kept up continuously, turns out 20,000 lbs. ice every twenty-four hours. The light and ice plants together give employment to eight persons, inclusive of the chief engineer Mr. M. Q. Hazlewood.

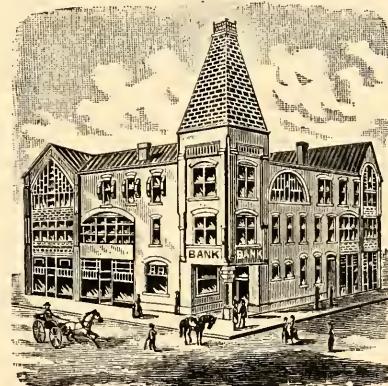
**THE H. C. COLE MILLING CO.**—Anyone who has heard of Chester, has also heard of Cole's Mills, established here in 1837 by Mr. Nathan Cole, from New York state. After his death which occurred some three years later, the business was carried on by his sons, Abner and H. C. Cole, and later passed into the hands of H. C. Cole, as sole proprietor. The business is now conducted by a corporation called into existence in 1888, under the style of the H. C. Cole Milling Co.; its officers are President, H. C. Cole, Vice-President, Z. T. Cole, and Sec'y and Treasurer, C. B. Cole. The plant occupies a large area, and comprises the store-mill a substantial stone building four stories high, with engine and boiler house and other smaller out-buildings; two elevators, one of the Chase pattern, covered with iron sheeting and finished in accordance with the recent improvements in elevator construction, the other the older of the two is a massive stone building; in addition to which there are wharfs with freight warehouse, and side-tracks in connection with the W. C. & W. Railway. The capacity of the elevators is 225,000 bushels and the mill has storage for some 7,000 barrels of flour; elevators, mill and cooper-shop have each their own engine aggregating about 350 h. p. They give employment to from 50 to 60 men. The mill equipment is the full roller process, with a daily capacity of 750 barrels, and is chiefly engaged in the production of the highest grades of winter wheat flour; the brands by which it has achieved its widest reputation are as follows:—"Oneega", "F. F. G.", "Cole's Mill's Extra" and "Sancho-Panza". The shipments from this mill, form a heavy item in the volume of the city's annual trade, and have exercised no small influence upon her development. The Coles were largely instrumental in the promotion of the Wabash, Chester & Western Railroad, in which they hold large interests, Mr. C. B. Cole is one of the Directors of the First National Bank.

**MULLBERGER & SIMMONS**, Groceries and Confectionery.—A prominent addition to Chester's mercantile interests was made in the early part of this year in the firm of Mullberger & Simmons, grocers and general merchants. They occupy an attractive store, located in a good position on the river front in Lower Chester. They carry an abundant stock of staple and fancy groceries and provisions, confectionery, canned goods, comb and extracted honey, cigars, tobacco and toilet soaps, glassware, queensware, tin and hardware, fine cutlery etc. They do quite a large business bartering their goods for country produce, and have secured profitable connections with the commission trade in important markets. The members of the firm are well known in this locality; Mr. M. Mullberger was agent for the Wabash, Chester & Western Railway for nine years, while Mr. O. M. Simmons, an electrician by trade, was formerly superintendent of the Electric Light plant of this town. They are comparatively young men, progressive and enterprising, and have a sound conception of the principles upon which a successful business must be conducted.

**R. D. LEHNHERR**, General Insurance Agent, Buena Vista; Domestic & New Home Sewing Machines.—Mr. R. D. Lehnher, is a man of many parts. For twenty-two years he has been agent for the Domestic Sewing Machine Co., in this district, to which later he added the agency for the New Home. He deals in needles and parts for these and other makes of machines, and being a practical machinist can execute all repairs. Five years ago, Mr. Lehn-

herr added the business of an insurance agent to his other occupations, representing well-known companies as the German of Freeport, and the Milwaukee Mechanics of Milwaukee. Mr. Lehnher is also Treasurer of the Southern Illinois Stock and Agricultural Association, one of the Directors and a member of the Executive Committee. A native of Randolph County, he has many warm friends and is esteemed for his personal characteristics, his upright business qualities and his progressive public spirit.

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK**, of Chester, Illinois.—This bank was formerly conducted by a co-partnership as a private Bank, but was reorganized under the National Banking Laws in the early part of 1890. The capital is \$50,000, fully paid up, with \$6,700 surplus, the largest of any bank in the county; the officers are as follows:—Morris C. Crissey, President; T. G. Chadwick, Vice-President; John D. Gerlach, Cashier and D. H. Holman, Asst-Cashier. There is a strong board of Directors comprising, besides the President and Vice-President, Messrs. C. B. Cole, Isaac Meredith, Louis H. Gilster, Dr. Wm. R. McKenzie and Capt. Harvey Neville. The Bank is located in the Phoenix Block; the main business apartment is substantially but neatly appointed, with every facility for the convenience of the officials and the accommodation of its customers.



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RESOURCES.

	\$	23
Loans and discounts.....	78,241	23
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	9	65
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	12,500	00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds.....	1,250	00
Stocks, securities, etc.....	21,347	50
Furniture and fixtures.....	1,900	00
Due from State Banks and bankers.....	1,329	54
Due from approved reserve agents.....	7,530	59
Checks and other cash items.....	810	82
Notes of other National Banks.....	1,970	00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.....	08	28
Lawful money reserve in banks, viz.		
Specie.....	\$ 8,171	60
Legal-tender notes.....	4,810	00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation).....	12,981	60
Total.....	\$140,541	71
<b>LIABILITIES.</b>		
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 50,000	00
Surplus fund.....	6,700	00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	473	67
National Bank notes outstanding.....	11,250	00
Due to State Banks and bankers.....	1,233	90
Dividends unpaid.....	240	00
Individual deposits subject to check.....	55,736	48
Demand certificates of deposit.....	14,877	66
Total.....	\$140,541	71

## THE ENTERPRISING TOWNS OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

**ISAAC LEHNHERR**, Dry-goods, Groceries, Etc., and a General Line of Farming Implements.—This business for the past thirty years has commanded a large share of the trade of this section. He deals in dry-goods, boots and shoes, groceries, provisions, farming implements, such as the Hocking Valley Feed Cutter, the Rock Island Hay Loader, the Dicks Feed Cutter and a splendid line of Drills. Mr. Lehnherr was born in Switzerland, but has been in business in Randolph county since 1854, and has spent the last thirty years in this city. By his energetic management he early acquired a wide business connection which he has steadily retained and developed.

**J. D. GERLACH & CO.**, Insurance, Real Estate and Loan Agents.—The leading real estate firm in Chester is that of J. D. Gerlach & Co., the members of which are Mr. Jno. D. Gerlach, Cashier of the First National Bank, and Mr. W. R. Karsteter. They at all times have for sale, lease or rent desirable city properties improved or unimproved as well as choice farm lands throughout this part of the state. They are agents for the M. & O. R. R. lands in Alabama and Mississippi and for the J. E. Bennett Land Co., of West Point, Miss., to which place they send out excursions every two weeks. Properties are looked after for non-resident owners, taxes paid, estates managed and improvements carried out. The firm also deal in stocks and bonds and carry through to successful issue many large and important transactions. The members of the firm are experienced men of business, able judges of the present and prospective values of all classes of property, and perfectly familiar with the details of each branch of the important business which they are conducting.

**THE BUENA VISTA MILLING CO.**—This company was incorporated in 1888, at which time the mill was built and operations begun. The equipment consists of full roller process with a daily capacity of eighty barrels; the machinery is driven by a steam engine of 50 h. p. The buildings are of considerable extent, and this year a new elevator was built, a frame structure covered with galvanized steel sheeting, having a storage capacity of twenty thousand bushels. The mill and cooper-shop together give employment to fourteen men. Only the best grades of flour are manufactured; the leading brands are "Crown Patent", "Belle of Chester" and "Triumph". The officers of the company are; President C. F. Weinrich, a leading dealer in hardware and agricultural machinery and Mr. Louis H. Gilster, proprietor of the largest general store in Buena Vista and one of the Directors of the First National Bank is Treasurer and General Manager. The mill is backed by ample capital and with its affairs in the hands of capable men, the extent to which its business has been developed and the success which has attended its operations was not only the natural but the only possible outcome.

**LOUIS H. GILSTER**, Dealer in General Merchandise, Buena Vista.—This business was at one time conducted as a co-partnership under the style of L. H. Gilster & Bro., but about three years ago passed into the hands of Mr. Louis H. Gilster. The premises are very desirable in every respect; and display a heavy stock in each department. Dry-goods, boots and shoes, hats and caps, groceries, provisions, queensware and sundries, all carefully selected goods. Mr. Gilster is a native of Germany, but has passed the greater part of his life in Randolph county; he has been prominently identified with many movements for the upbuilding of Chester as a live and progressive city, and especially that part of it in which his direct business interests are located.

**SIGMUND BRINKMAN**, Lumber.—A few months ago a deal was consummated by which one of the most important of Chester's business interests changed hands, Mr. Sigmund Brinkman becoming by purchase the sole owner of the lumber yard formerly operated by Mr. T. G. Chadwick. He deals in lumber, laths, doors, sash, blinds, shingles, dimension stuff, brackets,

mouldings, ballisters, office fixtures, hard and soft wood mantles, builders' hardware, paints oils and varnishes. Mr. Brinkman is assisted by two efficient salesmen in the yard, two wagons, and careful attention is given to orders by mail. Mr. Brinkman is well known in this locality; for many years he was extensively engaged in building and contracting, more recently a member of the grocery firm of Aszmann & Brinkman; during his whole career he has been known as a man of action and progress, reliable in his transactions and conducting his affairs upon sound business principles. The yard is located in Lower Chester, near the Ferry Landing and the Railroad Depot.

**W. C. POSTAL**, Bessemer, Randolph and Elmo. The business carried on by Mr. Wm. C. Postal has been established for twelve years. He has every facility for the successful conduct of his trade, extensive connections among the leading mines and shippers of coal, ample resources and convenient side track accommodation, by means of which he is able to deliver to consumers direct from the mines. Mr. Postal deals in bituminous and anthracite coals, and handles specially the products of the Big Muddy, Bessemer and Elmo mines. He gives the details of the business his personal attention, and by his enterprising methods has built up a thriving trade.

**J. WM. MEREDITH**, Jeweler, Pine street.—This business has had an existence of twelve years and is undoubtedly entitled to be classed among the more important of Chester's retail interests. Mr. Meredith is a Missourian by birth and learned his trade in one of the large jewelry establishments of St. Louis. He carries a well selected stock of clocks, watches, jewelry and silverware, diamonds, spectacles, watch charms, society em-



blems, gold pens, fountain pens, rings, scarf pins and makes a specialty of Elgin and Waltham movements. The store is conveniently located in Upper Chester; the proprietor gives his close personal attention, and employs an expert watchmaker and jeweler, as an assistant. Mr. Meredith is comparatively a young man, and is regarded as a successful merchant who from his progressive methods cannot fail to always retain a large measure of trade. He is manager of the Chester Theatre.

**OLIVER HOWARD**, Photograph Gallery.—This is an old established business and came into Mr. Howard's hands by purchase from the former proprietor, Max Fragstein, about a year ago. The new owner has already demonstrated his ability not only to maintain old established connections but to develop much valuable new business; he is an expert operator, whether in studio work, portraits, groups, or in landscape views, pictures of live-stock, machinery or building, as well as in enlarging, crayon and color work. Mr. Howard

learned his profession in Corning, N. Y., and was afterwards in business, in Michigan. The gallery is well arranged with regard to convenience of its patrons and facility of operation. Mr. Howard acquired with the business a valuable selection of stock negatives of points of interest throughout this section, some of them landmarks which have long since disappeared or swept away in the march of improvement.

**Wm. SCHUCHERT,** Dry Goods, Family Groceries, Etc.—This is an old established store, dating its inception from 1867. The lines carried comprise dry-goods, boots and shoes, queensware, staple and fancy groceries and provisions, also lime, cement, plaster and hair. Mr. Schuchert, who is a man of energy and progressive abilities, is assisted by two salesmen. This store certainly gets its share of the custom of the district, and under good management and by reason of its extensive stock and first-class facilities will undoubtedly continue to hold its own. The proprietor has been a member of the I. O. O. F., since 1855, is Past Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge and a member of the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals of the Grand Lodge of the State.

**BARNARD & GOALBY,** Miners, Shippers and Dealers in Coal.—This business has been carried on by the above firm two years, and was originally established as a branch of the Barnard Mining & Transportation Company's business at Percy where about twenty men are employed at the mines, which have a daily output of some two hundred tons. Locally it is conducted as a retail business, dealing both in car and small lots either for steam or domestic purposes; shipments are made from Percy over the W. C. & W. Railway, and in Chester convenient side-tracks furnish such facilities that coal is delivered without the expense of intermediate handling. The members of the firm are Mr. William Barnard and Mr. William Goalby, the former taking the active management of affairs in this section. They are gentlemen of high standing, esteemed by all who know them, as customers and friends, for their ability, business enterprise and integrity.

**FRANK GOLLON LIQUOR CO.**—The Frank Gol lon Liquor Co. is a new name which an old business has worn since the beginning of last May. The business was established by Francis Gollon over thirty years ago and had attained such proportions that he decided to take his sons in with him and organized the business as a stock company, on the 4th, of May, 1884, with a paid in capital of \$400. The officers are Clem. F. Gollon, Gen'l Manager, F. A. Gollon, Vice-President and Francis Gollon Secretary and Treasurer. Business is conducted upon both wholesale and retail lines, dealing in wines and liquors, porter, ale, beer, cognac and brandy, and also holds the local agency for Anheuser-Busch. Mr. Gollon senior is one of Chester's representative men. He has exceptional facilities and is enabled to offer his customers many inducements. The company maintains its office, retail establishment and warehouses "under the hill," close by the original stand where Mr. Francis Gollon commenced business thirty years ago.

**V STEBER,** Baker and Confectioner, 919 State street, Bakery 90 Thompson street. One of the very important institutions of Chester is the bakery and confectionery of Mr. V. Steber. It was established in 1888 and is conducted upon wholesale and retail lines. In the bakery proper four persons are employed. Mr. Steber supplies most of the stores in this district and has the contract for the bread supplies for the State Asylum. Increasing trade demands greater facilities and a steam plant will shortly be put in. In the store is carried an abundant stock of bread, cakes, pies and bakery goods of all kinds, and also confectionery and ice-cream: a wagon is in requisition delivering orders to all parts of the city. Mr. Steber was born in St. Louis, where his father, Henry Herman Steber, was in the same trade since 1839; he learned his trade in his father's bakery and afterwards in other establishments. He is a progressive merchant; the annual output of his bakery forms a considerable item of local trade, as may be judged from the fact that his consumption of flour is something over 1,000 barrels. Mr. Steber is a member of the Western Catholic Union.

**CITY MILLS,**—Geo. H. Gerken, Proprietor. It is just about a year ago since Mr. George Gerken became the owner of the old City Mills: he at once proceeded to overhaul them from cellar to attic and improve the equipment until he got them in splendid order. The mill is a three-story building, with an elevator holding 4,000 bushels of wheat and has storage for 200 barrels of flour: it is roller process, capacity fifty barrels every twelve hours, the machinery being driven by an 80 H. steam engine. There is one run of burs used for grinding corn which is done for an order trade; the mill gives employment to five persons. Mr. Gerken manufactures the best grades of flour and in the southern trade especially his "triple G. H." and "Brilliant" brands are well known: he pays the highest ruling price for wheat and the flour, meal, bran and ship-stuff sent out from this mill are guaranteed equal to anything on the market. Mr. Gerken is a German by birth; he was for some time head miller for Sauer Brothers of Evansville.

**E. E. HOLBROOK,** Druggist. This is one of the oldest pharmacies in the city, the owner Mr. E. E. Holbrook having established the business at its present stand in Buena Vista upwards of twenty-five years ago. He afterwards started a pharmacy in Lower Chester, carrying on both businesses, then disposed of first one and then the other, and went into the milling business for two or three years but later returned to his profession, resuming business at the original stand. Mr. Holbrook, whose father, Major J. C. Holbrook, was the oldest attorney in Randolph County, was born in Sparta and educated at Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill., is a Registered Pharmacist of long standing, and devotes special care to the compounding of prescriptions. He enjoys the esteem of the medical fraternity throughout this section of the country and the full confidence of a large number of friends.

**DAVID P. LAIRD,** Apothecary. One of the older business institutions of Chester is that which is now carried on by David P. Laird, into whose hands it came by purchase eleven years ago. He carries drugs, books, paints and oils. He is the manufacturer for the United States of Dr. R. Maccrevey's celebrated family remedies, Compound Alterative & Blood Purifier, European Cough Syrup, Great Rheumatic Liniment. Mr. Laird, who is a Registered Pharmacist, was born in the north of Ireland, and studied his profession after coming to this country. Ever since locating in Chester he has enjoyed the confidence of a large circle of friends.

**THE CHESTER CLARION,** Frank R. McAtee editor. "The Clarion" the only Democratic paper published in Randolph County and the county official organ, was established as long ago as 1867: it has been in the hands of the present owner since 1883. This is a half-paten six-column quarto, published weekly. The paper has a large circulation, in consequence of which it is much sought after as an advertising medium and there are but few homes or business houses in this section in which it has not the right of way. In connection with the publication of the paper, a first-class job printing office is maintained. The equipment comprises three presses, one newspaper and two job, driven by a gasoline engine of two horsepower. The working force consists of four persons. Mr. McAtee has lately added a retail stationery business, carrying note-paper, letter-paper, foolscap, envelopes, tablets, papeteries, inks, pens and pencils. Mr. McAtee is a thoroughly practical newspaper man and an excellent manager..

**Wm. STAHLBERG,** The Buena Vista Jeweler.—Mr. Stahlberg has only been established here for about eighteen months, but has in that short time built up a prosperous connection. In his store he displays a well selected stock of watches, clocks, jewelry, silverware, spectacles, watch charms, society emblems and badges, rings and scarf pins, and a nice lot of German accordions. Mr. Stahlberg was born in St. Louis and learned his trade there; previous to coming to Chester he was located in Hazleton, Ill. He is a young man of much energy, and a successful career is before him in this section.

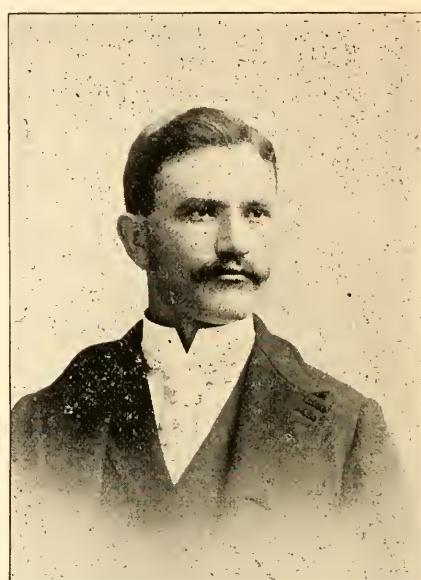
**THE GRAND VIEW HOTEL.** E. S. Clemens, Proprietor. The city of Chester must certainly be congratulated upon her leading hotel. It was built five years ago and neither money nor pains were spared in its construction. The location is the best in the city, opposite the Court House, and from the upper windows affords magnificent views of the picturesque river scenery. First-class in all its appointments many a commercial pilgrim regards it as an attractive haven in which he may find rest and quiet on the seventh day of the week. The house can accommodate fifty to sixty: it has free



sample rooms on the ground floor: it is fitted throughout with electric light and has all the modern conveniences, such as steam heat, thorough ventilation and perfect sanitary arrangements. The cuisine cannot be surpassed. Mr. E. S. Clemens, the proprietor, is an experienced hotel man. None who have experienced his genial hospitality will fail to make this Hotel their headquarters when again in Chester and its vicinity.

**J. M. WRIGHT, Drugs & Medicines.**—For fifteen years Mr. Wright has conducted his pharmacy at its present stand in Buena Vista, and for twenty-five years previous was located in Chester in both the lower and upper town. Mr. Wright is a Virginian by birth, born in Shepherdstown Jefferson County, but was educated here; he learned his profession by practical experience in a pharmacy, and is a registered Pharmacist of many years standing. He has a large well appointed pharmacy, in which he carries a very extensive stock of pure drugs and chemicals, proprietary or patent medicines, besides the usual concomitants known as druggist' sundries, toilet articles, soaps, sponges, perfumery, hair and tooth brushes, dye-stuffs, paints, oils, varnishes, etc. Mr. Wright keeps the prescription department under his personal supervision. He is a gentleman who stands high in the community by reason of both his professional and business abilities.

**THE RIVERSIDE DRUG STORE.** T. W. Tackenberg, Proprietor.—This is an old established pharmacy dating its inception from 1878; it recently passed into the hands of Mr. Tackenberg and for the four years previous to that was conducted as a co-partnership under the style of Lehnher & Tackenberg. In this pharmacy will be found what is probably the largest stock in town. This is a very popular store; the Poet-Laureate of Southern Illinois has sung its praises in a poem, from which we extract a couple of verses.



"You should always bear in mind,  
Whenever you are ill,  
The best and purest drugs you'll find  
At the drug store under the hill.  
Their stock of drugs is fresh and pure,  
And prescriptions they carefully fill,  
And have but One Price, for the rich and the poor,  
At the drug store under the hill."

Mr. Tackenberg gives his personal attention to the compounding of prescriptions. He enjoys the esteem of the medical fraternity of the district as well as the fullest confidence of a large number of business and personal friends.

## CAIRO.

Cairo, that peerless queen of Modern Egypt, sits enthroned upon a site designed by nature for a great city, at the extreme southern end of the state, at the junction of two of the largest rivers on the continent. Nature seemed disposed to place apparently insurmountable obstacles in the way of the future metropolis, perhaps to test man's energy, for while the location was all that could be desired geographically, it was low, and at certain seasons of the year was covered with water. Unlike the city of the same name in ancient Egypt, this Cairo has two rivers flowing at her feet, and though they have for countless ages deposited vast quantities of rich, alluvial soil upon the low lands adjacent, they are not, like the waters of the Nile, needed to irrigate those lands, and cause them to produce bountiful crops. As if repenting her former unkindness, Dame Nature sends frequent and

copious rains for that purpose, and protracted droughts are unknown. Man's energy has overcome all the obstacles placed in her way, and with a typical American preservancy has effectually reclaimed this point of land, and he is now beginning to reap the fruits of his industry and forethought.

### SETTLEMENT.

At the very beginning of the century this was recognized by the hardy flat-boatsmen as one of the best sites in the world for a great city, but it was not until 1818 that any steps were taken to use it. In that year William Bird secured a patent from the President of the United States for 360 acres of land lying at the extreme end of the peninsula. A short time afterwards other gentlemen secured patents on other portions, and obtained from the

territorial government of Illinois a charter to organize the "City and Bank Company of Cairo." The aid of English capitalists was secured, and in a few years quite a flourishing settlement had been established, with iron works, mills, etc. But they failed to recognize the power of the mighty rivers, so that when the floods came all their improvements were washed away. Then ensued long years of inaction, and it was during this period that Dickens, the English novelist, saw it, and described it as a "sickly swamp, reeking with slime and miasma, a dependent on a transient river trade for a bare existence." If it ever was that, it has long since outlived the satire of the foreign writer, although it stood as a standing commentary against it for years, and it can now be utilized for a contrast with its present state of progress. That period of inaction was broken by the commencement of work of building the railroad, and was forever gone when on the 7th day of August, 1855, the first train of cars was run into that embryotic city.

#### INCORPORATION.

It was not until the winter of 1857 that Cairo was incorporated, and it was on the 9th day of March 1858, that the first mayor, presided over the first council meeting held in this city. Those who saw Cairo in those anti-bellum times, or during the war, when it was filled with soldiers, utterly fail now to recognize any familiar feature. She has cast off her bedraggled swaddling clothes, and has assumed metropolitan air and graces.

#### LEVEE.

A system of levees, more than seven miles in extent, now tower fifty-five feet above low water mark, higher by several feet than the greatest flood known since Noah's time. Inside these bulwarks of safety the streets have been filled to a height approximating the levees themselves, thus lending additional security to the enterprising people who have warred with nature for the supremacy and won. Those streets have been paved with a material known as Elco concrete (a species of broken stone mingled with iron ore) found in inexhaustible quantities in Alexander county, only a few miles away. It is practically indestructible, possessing the rare trait of becoming harder the more it is exposed.

#### RAILROAD CENTER.

Cairo has now become an important railroad center, for entering it from the west, crossing the Mississippi by means of transfer boats that carry entire trains of cars, are the Missouri Pacific, the Iron Mountain, and the St. Louis and Southwestern, (Cotton Belt Route). On the north we have the Illinois Central, the Cairo & St. Louis, operated by the M. & O., and the Big Four. On the south, crossing the Ohio on the magnificent steel bridge, is the southern division of the Illinois Central, running through to New Orleans, and the Mobile & Ohio, which crosses the river by the transfer boat system.

#### THE GREAT BRIDGE.

The great railroad bridge deserves especial attention, not alone from the fact that it is one of the most important adjuncts to that road's business, but from the fact that it was built under what were considered insurmountable obstacles. It had been supposed that a solid rock foundation was necessary to build heavy piers upon, and an extensive system of boring in the bottom of the river demonstrated that nothing of the kind existed beneath the flowing stream. Nothing daunted though, they proceeded to build anyhow. Huge caissons were made of heavy timbers and sunk in position where the piers were to stand. Reaching the bottom of the river, the sand was burrowed out, the big caissons slowly but surely sunk deeper and deeper in the mud, as the wood work was built on top, until they reached a depth of seventy and eighty feet below the bed of the river. These were then filled with concrete until the original river bed was reached, and upon the foundation thus made the piers of limestone were erected. There are thirteen of these massive stone monuments to man's ingenuity and enterprise that tower fifty-three feet above the surface of the highest water known. Surmounting them is the super-structure of steel, the whole forming, with one exception, the longest bridge in the world, being, with the approaches on each side of the river, a trifle over four miles long. Its cost is estimated at four

million dollars, but for all that it has been a paying investment.

#### HARBOR.

In addition to her railroad facilities, Cairo can boast of the finest inland harbor in the United States, with seven miles of river front, where the water is never less than thirty feet deep. That Cairo is at the head of safe deep water navigation on the Mississippi River, is amply proven by the fact that on the 16th day of May, 1892, the United States sloop of war Concord arrived in this harbor by order of the Secretary of Navy, and for four days lay at anchor a short distance below the bridge in ten fathoms of water. The Secretary of the Navy resisted all appeals to send the vessel further, thus recognizing Cairo to be the head of deep navigation on the Mississippi river.

#### COMMERCE & MANUFACTURES.

The entire levee being available, offers unparalleled facilities to commerce and manufactures. The unequalled transportation facilities by river and rail, insure Cairo the cheapest rates on raw materials and manufactured products from and to all parts of the country. In fact, she possesses in the highest degree all the important factors necessary to a manufacturing and commercial center. She has a larger number of arrivals and departures of vessels each year than any other inland port in the United States, it being the head of all-the-year-round navigation on the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers. Low water and ice never interfere with navigation south of this point.

The vast region drained by the Ohio, Mississippi, Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers, abounds in inexhaustible stores of timber, coal and iron. Owing to the cheap transportation facilities from those stations, Cairo has grown to be one of the largest hard wood centers in the west, as the only motive power necessary in the transportation of timber to the harbor of Cairo is generally supplied by the natural current of the streams named. Yellow pine from Alabama and Georgia, poplar from the Cumberland and Tennessee region, and the hard woods from Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia, and the head waters of all the tributary streams, are rafted or floated to Cairo at a nominal cost, while cotton wood, different varieties of oak and gum, all of which have now come into general use, grow in unlimited quantities in this immediate vicinity. The facilities for drawing on these as yet almost virgin forests, and for distributing the finished products by both river and rail to all parts of the world, are attracting the attention of capitalists from many of the great manufacturing centres. Cairo has to-day 32 wood manufacturing establishments, four of them built in 1893, giving employment to over 1,000 men.

#### IRON.

Next to lumber, iron attracts attention, and no location on the continent would be more favorable for the successful operation of iron furnaces, rolling mills, and enterprises than Cairo. The ores from Alabama and Tennessee, together with the ores from the famous Iron Mountain of Missouri, can be floated down stream, and brought together here at a low cost. The amalgamation of these two ores produces pig iron of such a superior quality that it is frequently used for conversion into Bessemer steel. The flux used in the amalgamation of these ores exists in unlimited quantities within a few miles of Cairo. These advantages coupled with the fact that this city lies at the very doorway of the immense coal field of Illinois, have already attracted the notice of iron manufacturers, and it is only a question as to when they will take advantage of them, locate their plants here, and cease paying heavy freight bills and the other enormous expenses incident to towing their raw material the whole length of the Ohio River to Pittsburg.

#### GRAIN.

Cairo is the natural gateway between the grain fields of the northwest and the great grain-consuming markets of the south and the southwest, and is the point toward which those markets look for supplies of all kinds; and while such a large business is done, she yet offers attractions for more dealers in grain, provisions and planters' supplies, as the field for distribution is almost unlimited. Millions of bushels of wheat are handled

by the grain elevators annually, and sent south by the steam-barge lines which are the biggest thing of their kind in the world. It is probably no news, but an interesting fact all the same, that this whole region of country, for an area of 100 miles in either direction from Cairo, is practically one vast cornfield, and corn is also brought here for shipment south per barge line or steamers, from Kansas and Southeast Nebraska, by the railroads; also from Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and Florida.

#### TRADE.

With such facilities for commerce and such surroundings as it has in Illinois, Kentucky and Missouri, it is not surprising that, as the resources show, Cairo has twice the trade of any city in the United States of its size. The annual shipments by rail and river aggregate a figure between seventy-five and eighty millions of dollars, divided as follows: \$6,500,000 by river south; \$4,500,000 by river north; \$30,000,000 by rail south, and more than \$37,000,000 by rail north. It is estimated that fully \$3,000,000 are invested here in such business as flour, grain, iron and heavy hardware, groceries, dry goods, boots and shoes, tobacco, etc. The city is well supplied with banking facilities, having four substantial banks, with large banking accommodations, aggregating fully two millions of dollars.

#### HEALTH.

Contrary to the opinion expressed by Dickens and fostered by would-be imitators, Cairo is not an unhealthy city. Official statistics show its rate of mortality to be lower than that of any other city on the Ohio or Mississippi Rivers. The U. S. Government established a hospital here and the surgeon general says Cairo is as healthful as any other place in the Union, consequent upon the constant sweep of pure air from the rivers and the excellent sewerage they afford.

The revenue collected by the government from Cairo in the last fiscal year was \$475,000.

\$100,000 was expended last year in streets and sewerage and this year about the same amount is being expended for the same purpose.

Cairo can boast of fine church buildings, notably the Church of the Redeemer, St. Joseph's and First Methodist. She has also excellent public school buildings. The Lincoln School the last completed cost \$10,000.

The Safford Memorial Library, a free gift to the city, has 6,000 volumes.

The newspapers are represented by two afternoon and one morning, a weekly, a semi-weekly and a colored weekly.

A recent enterprise worthy of note was the reclamation of 10,000 acres of alluvial soil lying between the two rivers just above the city. It is rapidly being taken up by market gardeners from this and other states.

Cairo has a magnificent system of water works, erected at a cost of \$200,000 and with a capacity for a city of 60,000 people.

The city has both gas and electric works, the latter operating electric street railroads as well as giving light.

The telephone has 200 subscribers.

A finely dressed police force, a splendid volunteer fire department attend to casualties and mishaps.

Cairo of to-day is no more to be compared with the Cairo of twenty years ago than daylight is to dark. Her feet are firmly planted on the ladder of success and she will not cease climbing till the pinnacle of greatness is reached.

**GREEN & GILBERT**, Attorneys and Counselors, Offices: Room 1, 2 and 3 National Bank Building. The firm of Green and Gilbert, by common consent, is conceded to stand in the front rank of the Illinois Bar and is regarded as doing the largest practice in the city. It is the oldest firm in the state of Illinois, having been established in 1867 by Judge Green and Wm. B. Gilbert. The individual members of the firm at the present time are William H. Green and William B. Gilbert, its founders; Miles Fred'k Gilbert, in the firm twenty years, and Reed Green, in the firm seven years.

Judge Green is a native of Kentucky and a graduate of the law department of Indiana University.

W. B. Gilbert and Miles Fred'k Gilbert are natives of Illinois and graduates of Harvard University. Hon. Reed Green, also a native of Illinois, is a graduate of the law department of Bloomington

University. He served two terms in the Legislature and is the present Senator from this district.

With their extended experience and abilities this firm is as safe as it is possible for human intellect or ability to be, and the many cases placed in their hands have received the best care and attention.

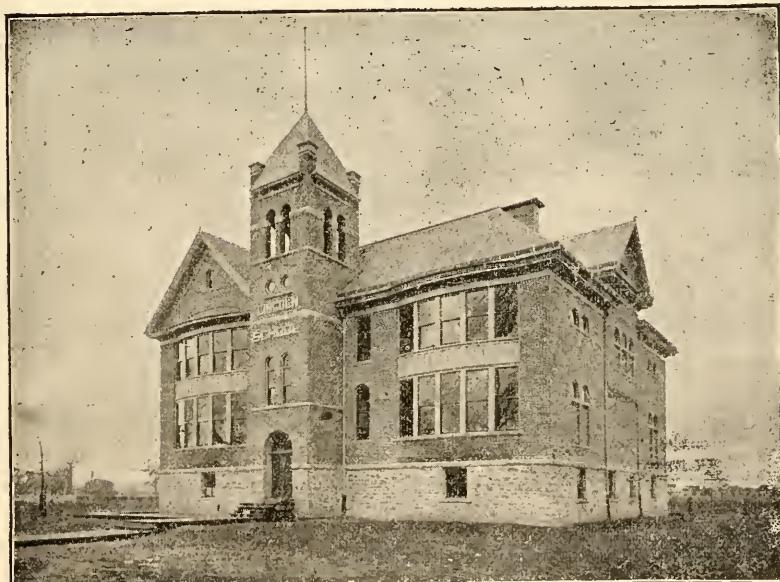
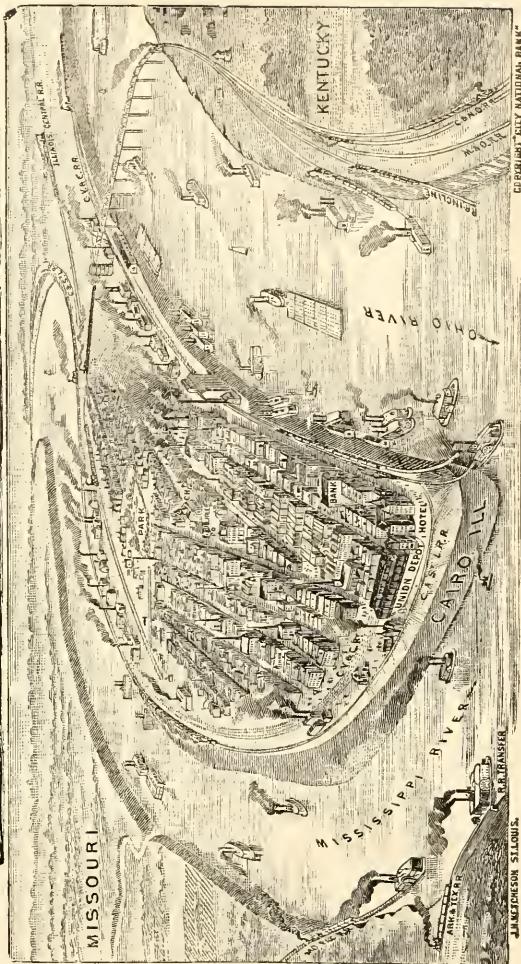
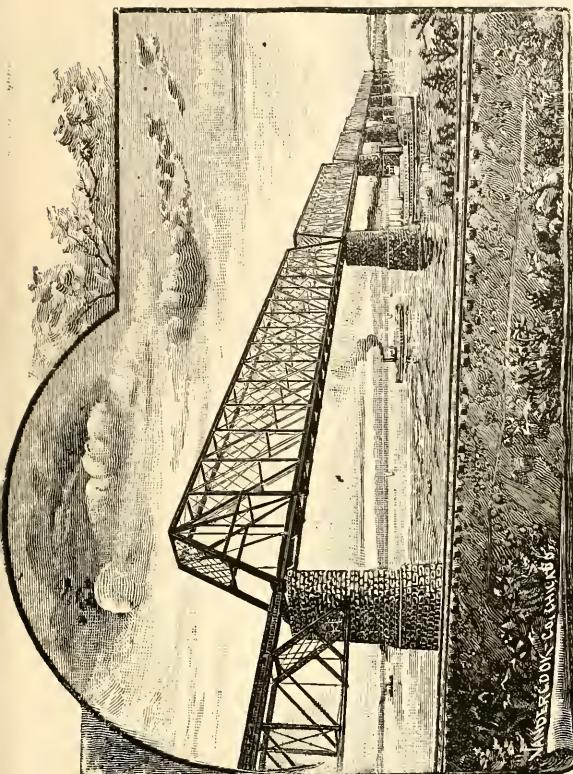
The firm has a large library and offices in keeping with their extensive clientele.

**De MONTCOURT & O'HARA**, Manufacturers and Wholesale Dealers in Hardwood Lumber and Timber; Export and Domestic Trade.—The lumber trade is one of the most important branches of mercantile activity in the United States and probably gives employment to more people than any other line of business, and it is a pleasure and privilege in compiling an industrial review of the representative business houses in Cairo and the leading cities in Southern Illinois, to give prominent mention to De Montcourt & O'Hara, established eight years ago. They do a general export and domestic trade, and are manufacturers of and wholesale dealers in hardwood lumber and timber. Seventy-five hands are constantly employed at their mills in Ky. and Mo. Louis DeMontcourt born in France has lived ten years in Cairo. Geo. E. O'Hara, born in Wis., has lived twenty-two years in Cairo. He is President of the Cairo Board of Trade. Under such wise and conservative guidance, their enterprise ranks among the most prosperous in the west, and Messrs. De Montcourt & O'Hara are to be congratulated upon the successful outcome of their efforts.

**CENTRAL LUMBER & MFG CO**, Manufacturers of Cottonwood, Oak and Poplar lumber. Progress is the order of the day in the great mercantile emporium of Cairo, which so successfully maintains her supremacy amid the strenuous efforts of less powerful or less favorably located rivals. There are here located many important lumber industries, among which is the Central Lumber & Mfg Co., organized one year ago. They are manufacturers of cottonwood, oak and poplar lumber, and Louisiana Cypress Shingles. The mills of the company, located at various points on the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, have a capacity of sawing 80,000 feet daily. The company enjoys direct transportation facilities and can quote prices that cannot be duplicated. The company's officers are authorities in this branch of trade. Mr. Harry Gray, manager, was formerly Secretary and Treasurer of Carey-Halliday Lumber Co. The company under his guidance, has from the inception gained the confidence of leading commercial circles, developing upon a strictly legitimate basis of supply and demand one of the most extensive lumber interests in the west.

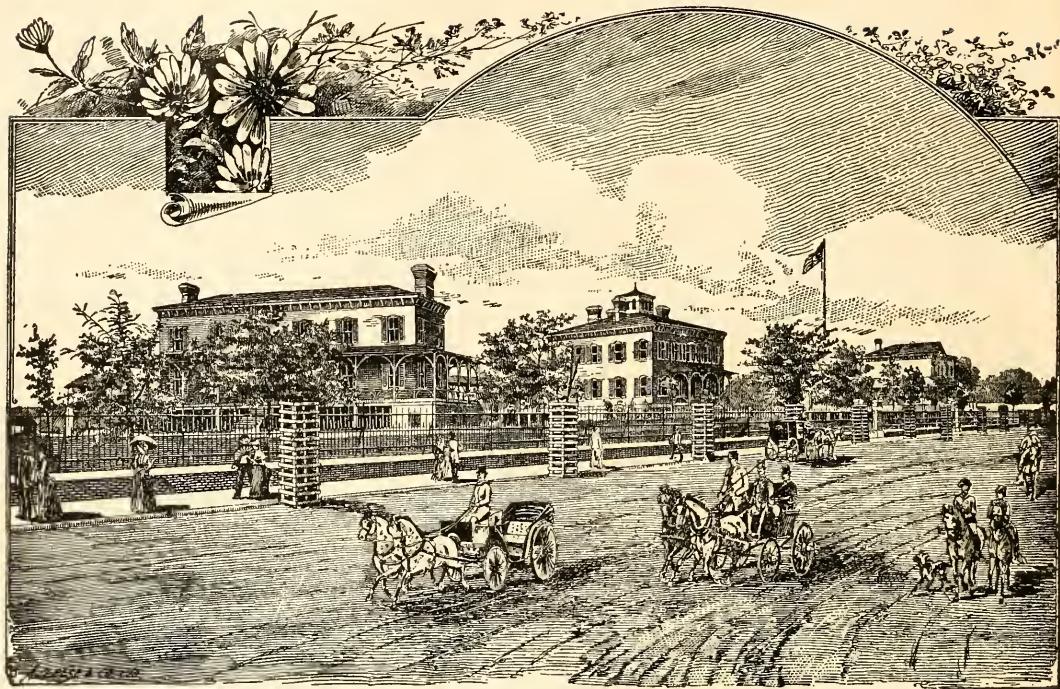
**H. H. CANDEE & SON**, No. 617 Ohio Levee, Insurance.—Cairo, Ill., is the "banner city" in the present era of growth in the west. One of the city's oldest insurance houses is that of H. H. Candee & Son, established in 1858. They are underwriters and agents of the widest experience and control the insuring of large lines of desirable business and residence property, placing risks in twenty or more of the strongest corporations in the world. Fire, life, hull, cargo, marine, tornado, accident, flat-boat insurance. Mr. H. H. Candee is a native of Conn., and is a member of the G. A. R., having served as paymaster in the Navy. He is President of the Enterprise Savings Bank. His son, Harry Safford, is a native of Cairo. The firm is well deserving of the liberal patronage which they enjoy.

**G. D. WILLIAMSON** Wholesale Grocer and Commission Merchant, 619 Ohio Levee. This extensive business established in 1860, occupies a four-story structure, 25x100 feet in dimensions, and the appointment of the premises embodies all the modern adjuncts of convenience and attractiveness. An immense stock, embracing everything pertaining to the trade is carried. An efficient corps of clerks, salesmen, etc., being employed, while the general business reaches throughout the state, inclusive of a fine local patronage. The proprietor, Capt. Williamson, is a native of New Jersey and first came to Cairo in 1839. Mr. J. H. Haynes, manager, is a native of Kentucky, and has been 18 years in the employ of the house. He is an energetic clear-headed business man, liberal and fair in all transactions, and to his judicious management is due much of the success of the house.

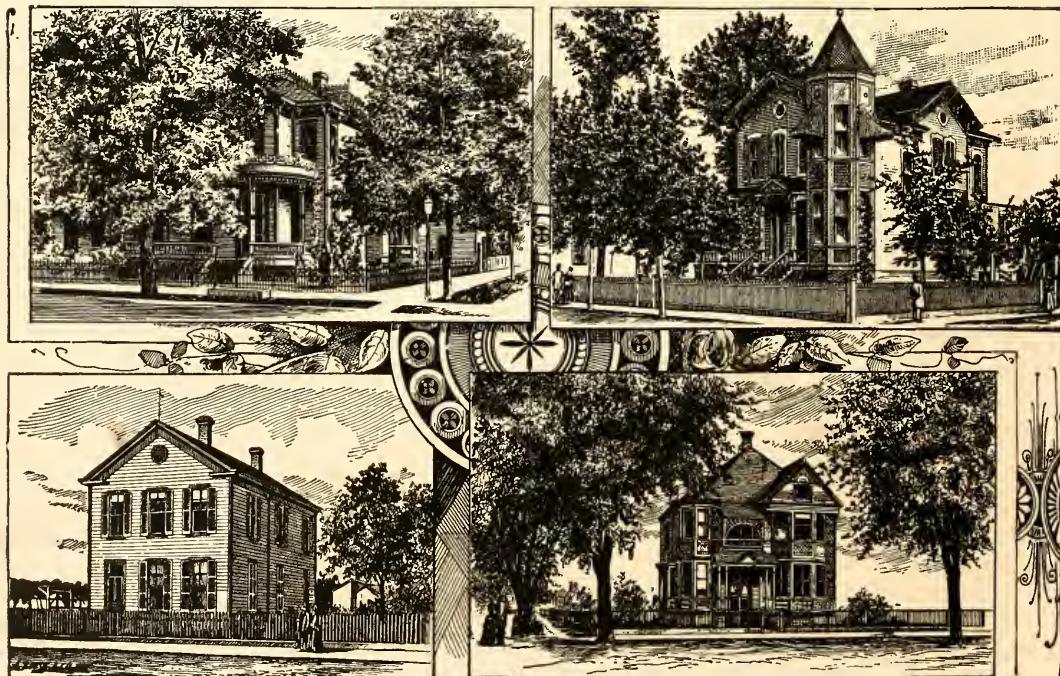


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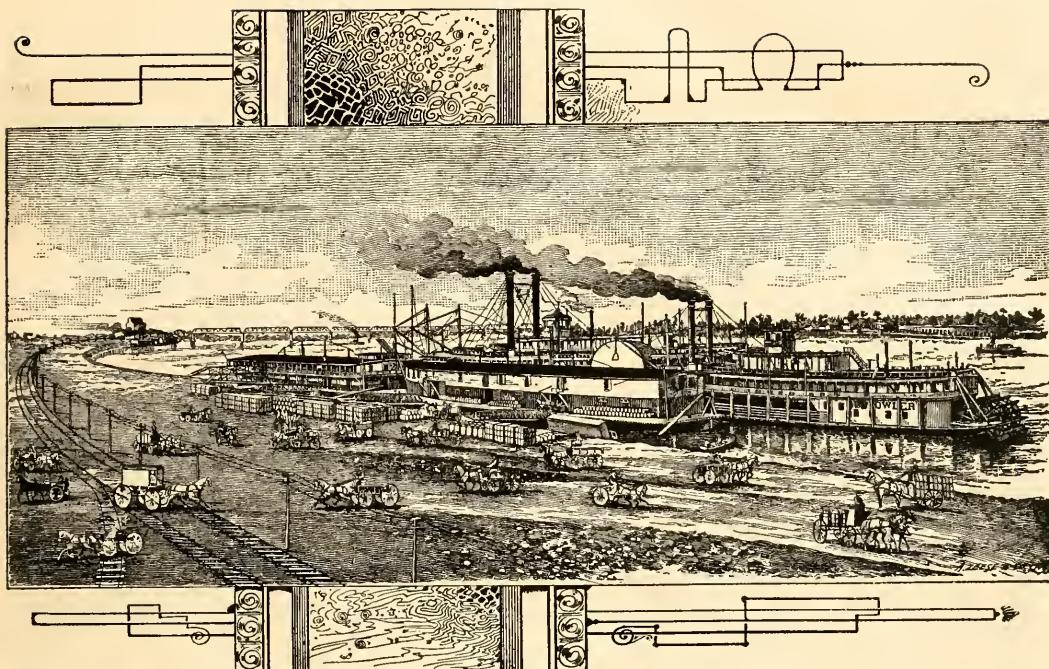
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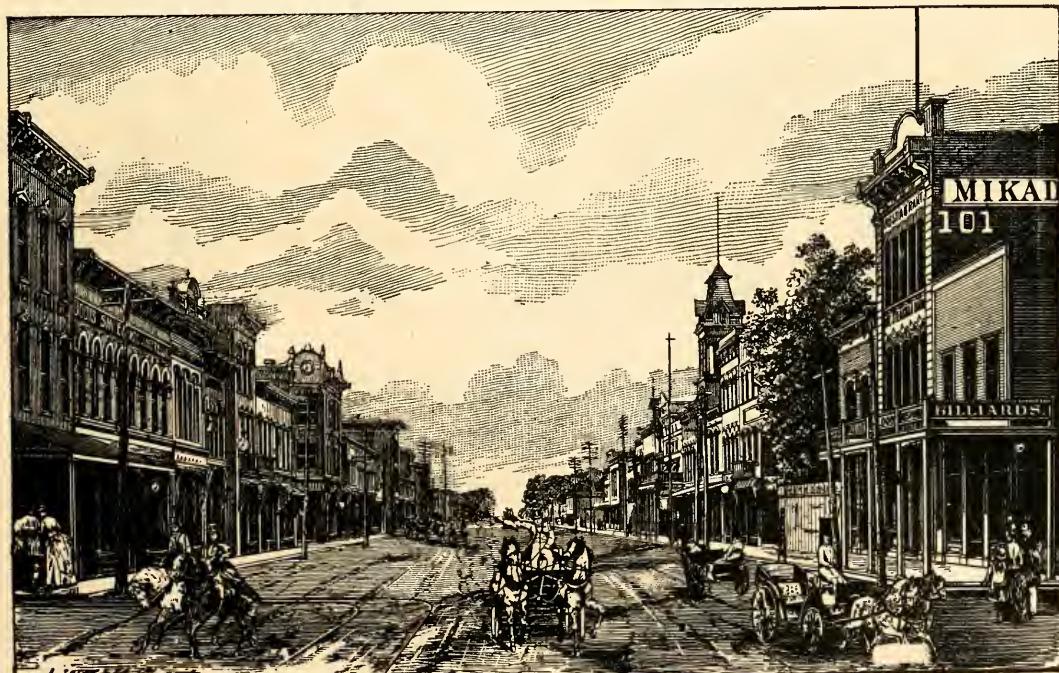
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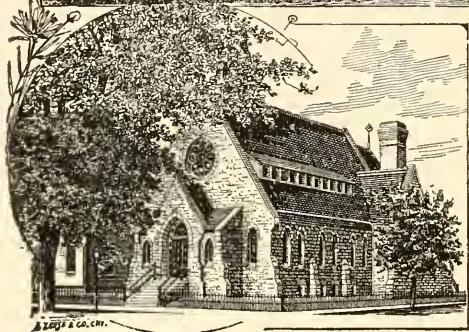
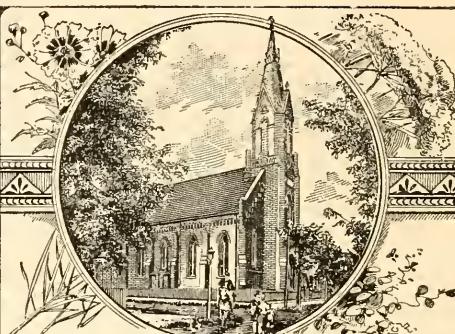
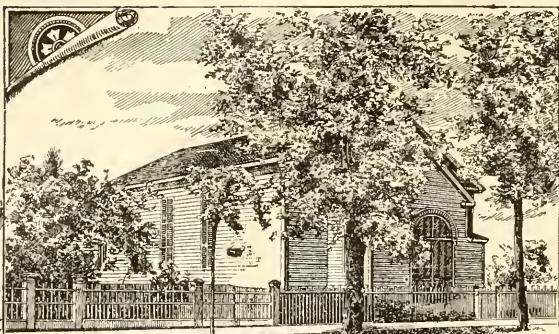
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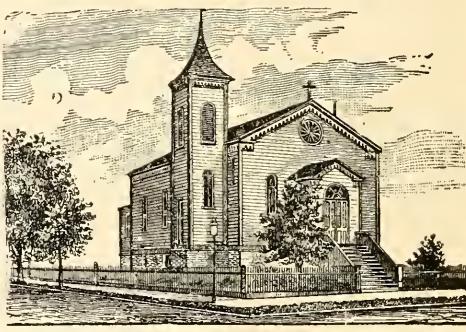


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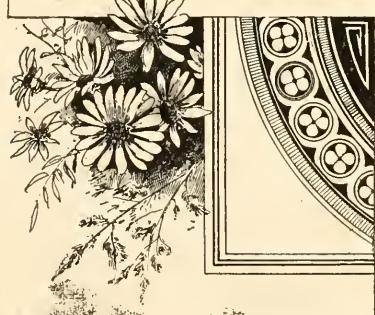
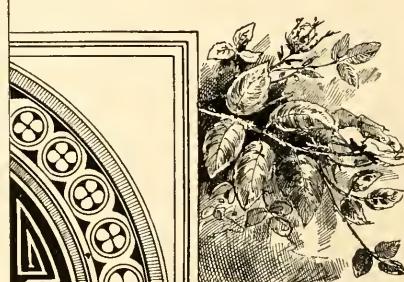
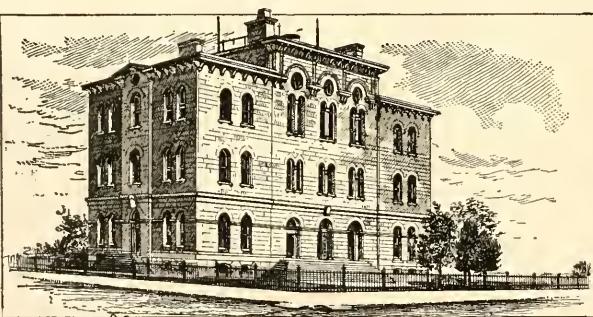
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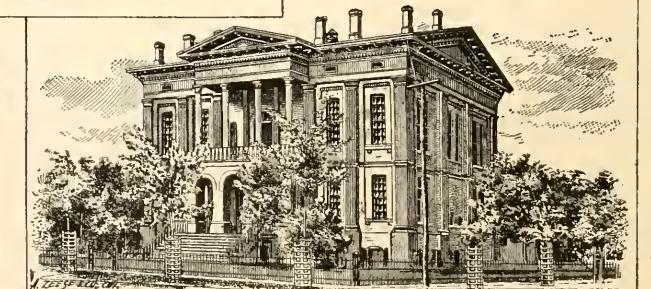


St. Joseph's Church.

St. Patrick's Church.



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County Court House.

**PREETORIUS & RYAN**, Dealers in Hardwood Lumber and Commission Merchants; Office 511 Levee Street.—The city of Cairo, Ill., is celebrated for its extended and constantly increasing lumber industries and among the enterprising firms we notice lately established, Feb., 7, 1894, on that busy thoroughfare Ohio Levee is that of Preetorius & Ryan. The facilities they possess for successfully conducting business are of a most complete character. Phil Preetorius and W. P. Ryan were raised respectively in Indiana and Cairo. They are popularly esteemed as upright and deservedly successful men in their particular line of business.

**KING, WILLIAMSON & CO.**, Wholesale Fruit and Produce Dealers and Commission Merchants, 618 Levee Street. A careful review of the business interests of Cairo discloses the existence of a class of houses prepared to compete in every respect, in the several lines they represent, with the rival establishments of any of the larger cities of the Union. Their complete stocks, ample resources and remarkable enterprise, are matters of which the city has reason to be proud. Among these the casual observer must accord a position to the recently founded firm of King, Williamson & Co. The premises occupied are 25x100 feet in extent and are equipped with every facility. Reference, City National Bank. M. King, T. E. Williamson and F. M. Russell are the members of the firm. Their substantial and rapid progress is but a natural reflect of their energetic and capable management.

**J. L. EWELL**, 511 Ohio Levee.—In reviewing those individuals and the various commercial enterprises which contribute to the busy prosperity and importance of this city, it becomes necessary to devote a portion of our space to the gentleman who constitutes the immediate subject of our sketch. Mr. J. F. Ewell, is the Contracting Agent at Cairo for the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis R'y., which position he has held here for ten years. He is a native of Tennessee. He is a member of the K. P., I. O. O. F., Mystic Circle and various other organizations. He is a gentleman who is thoroughly conversant with the business in hand and he has won the confidence of all in the community.

**HOUSTON BROS.** Wholesale Hardwood Lumber, corner Sycamore St. and I. C. R'y. In noticing the various lumber industries of Cairo, Ill., attention is properly directed to those firms to whose energy and enterprise may be ascribed the vitality that has characterized this business. Houston Bros. may properly be assigned a first place among such firms on account of their extensive operations and the superior excellence of their products. The firm is a branch of Geo. T. Houston & Co., one of the largest in the country, employing a total of 240 men and handling from 3000 to 4000 cars of lumber a year. They have headquarters at Chicago, Ill., where they were established in 1885; branch office in Cairo having been opened in 1893; at Cairo they employ upwards of forty men, at their Chicago yards 100 men and at the mills in Arkansas and Mississippi 100 men. Their stock of seasoned lumber is large and valuable and their facilities for procuring any amount of hardwood lumber, as required are perfect. The individual members of the firm are, Geo. T. Houston, J. S. Houston and F. B. Houston. They are courteous and obliging gentlemen, thoroughly energetic and progressive, and show real western energy in their methods and business traits.

**HIMMELBERGER & FRIANT**, Hardwood Lumber. In a careful review of the advantages of Cairo, it becomes necessary to dwell with particular remark upon the great lumber interests, which, owing to the facilities enjoyed, have become eminently important both with reference to the capital invested and the magnitude of the product. Himmelberger & Friant's Saw Mills were established eleven years ago, while their planing mills and factory were started one year ago; upwards of one hundred men are daily employed. Hardwood lumber is the specialty of the firm. Wagon, plow and harrow stock, flooring, siding, ceiling, moulding, casing, base, gum flooring and interior finish. Curtain poles and rings a specialty. Their facilities for successfully transacting their extensive business are of an unusually complete character, whereby they are enabled to offer advantages difficult to duplicate. The members of the firm are: I. Himm-

elberger, J. H. Friant, J. H. Himmelberger. J. H. Friant, the manager, is a native of Paducah, Ky. He is an energetic and public-spirited man, who conducts the business on the most elevated plane of mercantile honor. The firm has assumed a position alike creditable and well deserved.

**THREE STATES LUMBER CO.**, Manufacturers of Hardwood Lumber.—The increasing importance of the lumber trade in all its branches leads to a more than ordinary interest in those enterprises identified with this factor of manufacturing. The Three States Lumber Co., capital \$100,000 have their mills at Three States, Mississippi Co. Mo., where they own 28,000 acres of land. They transport their lumber on their own barges from their mills to Cairo, where their yards are located. The mill capacity is 80,000 feet per day, the largest hardwood mill in the South. They employ in all three hundred hands. The officers are: J. L. Owen, President; F. E. Creelman, Vice-President; D. Fitzhugh, Secretary; R. E. Rust, Treasurer. Mr. F. E. Creelman, Vice-President, who manages at Cairo, has been fifteen years, in the lumber business and is a gentleman eminently calculated to preserve the reputation and standing of the company and advance its interests.

**SOUTHERN EXPRESS COMPANY**, Express Forwarders.—The rapid strides Cairo has taken toward taking her place as a metropolitan city, is wholly due to the courage, enterprise and intelligence of her citizens, among whom few have a longer record than the subject of our sketch. C. Pink, the Cairo Agent for the Southern Express Company, Adams, and the American Express Cos., has held this responsible position as agent in Cairo for no less than thirty consecutive years. He has fifteen assistants and two wagons under him. Mr. Pink is a native of England. His success in life is the reward of ability and perseverance. He is a man of excellent standing and has made himself popular with all in the community.

**NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**, John A. McCall, President, Cairo Branch Office.—Insurance is one of the great interests of the age. In money, power and influence it ranks with banking, railroading, mining, and mercantile pursuits. The penniless and dependent are protected and comforted through the blessed principles of insurance. All over the globe the protecting power of this science is felt. Among the solid life insurance companies of the United States, none stand higher or have a stronger hold on public confidence than the New York Life Insurance Co. John A. McCall, Pres't. The Cairo branch office is under the able management of C. L. Meshler, E. L. Vickars District Supervisor, and Henry S. Candee, Cashier, men of many years experience in insurance. The territory covered by the Cairo branch office includes Southern Ill., Southeastern Mo., and Jackson's Purchase, Ky. With the characteristics those gentlemen possess, it is but natural that the business of their company should be large in this district, whereby they conduce greatly to the substantial benefit of the community.

**CAREY-HALLIDAY LUMBER COMPANY**. Among the large, well-conducted industrial enterprises which constitute the basis of the commercial wealth and importance of this great western trade mart, is the Carey-Halliday Lumber Company, incorporated in 1889. The very extensive premises occupied are systematically and conveniently arranged, and equipped with the latest and best improved machinery and appliances for the purpose. Daily capacity Saw Mill 40,000 ft., Planing Mill 60,000 ft., and Dry Kiln 40,000 ft. A force of sixty experienced hands is employed, and the products, comprising lumber and boxes are poplar, cypress, yellow pine, ash, oak, cotton wood, sycamore and gum lumber; boxes, orange, fruit, berry, vegetable and packing, have a standard value in the trade and command a wide market, while the business reaches throughout the state and this section of the west. C. S. Carey, President, is also Vice-President of the Cairo Planing Mill Co. He, as well as the Secretary and Treasurer, E. D. Carey, are natives of Illinois and came here from Grayville. By active and able management, they have reared a commanding institution and attained to the popularly bestowed distinction of Cairo representative men.

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**THE CITY NATIONAL BANK OF CAIRO, ILLINOIS.**—The origin of modern banking may be traced to the money lenders of Florence, who were in high repute in the twelfth century. The business was introduced into England in the seventeenth century, when it was carried on by the goldsmiths of London, who seem to have borrowed it from Holland, the bank of Amsterdam having been founded in 1609. The City National Bank of Cairo, is the oldest bank in the city, having been organized in 1865. The capital is \$100,000; surplus \$160,000. The

business and fully deserves the success that his enterprise has achieved.

**JOHN S. JENKINS**, Architect and Superintendent, 100 1-2 Eighth Street. The profession of the architect, which has in all countries been a most laudable one, is especially so regarded by the citizens of Cairo, who have shown ambition to secure the erection of beautiful buildings. The leading architect and superintendent in Cairo is Mr. John S. Jenkins. He is a native of Pennsylvania and came to Cairo twelve years ago from Iowa. He is original in his conceptions and has added to the architectural display of the city many of its ornaments. Mr. Jenkins is prepared to promptly furnish plans and specifications for every description of building, including city and country residences, stores, warehouses, mills, factories, churches, schools, court houses and jails. His estimates and computations are always accurate and he is careful not to exceed the limit of expense set by the owner. He is a member of the G. A. R. and served in the 32nd Ia.

**M. J. PINK & CO.**, Flour, Meal, Grain, Hay, Produce, and General Commission Merchants, 707 Ohio Levee. One of the prominent mercantile houses of this city is that of M. J. Pink & Co., who were established fifteen years ago. By energetic and careful management since that time they have won a leading position in the trade. Their premises are 25x100 ft. in extent and three assistants are required. A large, comprehensive and complete stock is carried. E. G. Pink, junior member of the firm and manager of the business, is a native of Indiana. He is an active man, at home in his business and eminently qualified to make friends for the house.

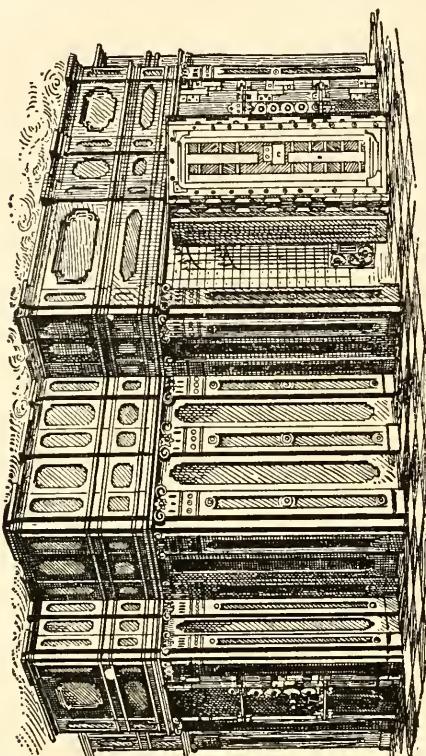
**P. T. LANGAN**, Sash, Doors, Blinds and Builders Supplies. Rough and Dressed Lumber, Lath and Shingles. Mill Work a Specialty. Yards and Factory Cor. 10th St. and Commercial Ave. A review of the industries in our work on "Southern Illinois" would be incomplete which failed to give due prominence to the gentleman whose card forms the caption of this sketch. Mr. Langan was established four years ago. He employs twenty experienced assistants in the prosecution of business. His yards and factory are among the most spacious in this section of the state, occupying nearly two blocks on Commercial avenue and over 150 ft. on the Ohio Levee—over 500 ft. frontage in all. Mr. Langan is a native of Cairo. He is an energetic and enterprising gentleman, whose transactions are based on cardinal principles and success is but his legitimate desert.

**W. T. BLYTHE**, Local Forecast Official, U. S. Weather Bureau.—The growing State of Illinois has but just recently attracted the attention of the entire civilized world, owing to the splendid enterprise her sons have shown in upbuilding the finest and most magnificent World's Fair ever seen. Cairo, Ill., has her share of live men, among whom is W. T. Blythe, Local Forecast Official, U. S. Weather Bureau. He is a native of Ill., and has had thirty years' experience in the weather bureau formerly at Washington, D. C., Cal., Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Wyoming, Nebraska, Montana, Mass., Washington, D. C., New Jersey (for five years) and finally Cairo, Ill., where he came in October, 1893. He served during the war in the 14th Ill. Inf. for three years and in the 149th. Ill. Inf. for one year.

**MATT. C. METZGER**, Druggist, School Books and Stationery: Cor. 20th. & Washington Ave.—One of the most enterprising members of the pharmaceutical profession in the growing state of Illinois, is the gentleman forming the immediate subject of our sketch. Matt. C. Metzger, was established five years ago and occupies handsomely appointed premises at the above location, 25x70 ft. in extent. The stock comprises a varied and complete assortment of drugs, medicines, chemicals, toilet articles, patent medicines, school books, stationery, etc. With this choice stock he is enabled to supply readily anything for which there is a demand. Two assistants are employed. Mr. Metzger is a native of Illinois. He possesses the highest standing in commercial circles and ranks among the most business-like men of Cairo.

premises are eligibly located on the Ohio Levee and are fitted up in a manner representative of modern elegance. The bank has the finest impregnable safety deposit vaults in the west. The officers are W. P. Halliday, President; H. L. Halliday, Vice-Pres.; L. Alsthorpe, Cashier; Geo. F. Ort, Ass't. Cashier, are gentlemen long prominent in commercial circles and to their integrity and executive ability may be ascribed the high standing of the institution.

**RHODES-BURFORD Furniture Company**, 1001-3 Commercial Avenue. This concern dates back its establishment twenty years ago, the present company having been formed eight years ago. They are the largest house furnishers in the world, owning and operating 32 stores. The premises are well arranged, being 50x100 ft. in extent and three stories, also warehouse on 11th street, extending from 11th to 10th street, while every requisite facility is at hand for the advantageous conduct of a large business. They keep a large varied stock of furniture and carpets, embracing all the finest designs and most fashionable styles; also deal in stoves, queensware, curtains and shades. Houses furnished from cellar to garret. The liberal patronage received demonstrates clearly the popularity of the house in this community. The officers of the corporation are: A. G. Rhodes, President; L. F. Hurt, Manager, and S. J. Burford, Secretary and Treasurer. L. F. Hurt, manager, is a native of Indiana and has lived eight years in Illinois. He is a thoroughly experienced man in the furniture



The Bank's Vaults.

**EDMUND S. DEWEY.**—Mr. Edmund S. Dewey was born in Lenox, Berkshire county, Mass. The family moved to Illinois in 1853, while he was yet but a small boy. Since coming to Illinois in 1853 Mr. Dewey has never resided beyond the limits of the State. In 1862 he enlisted in the army as a private in Company F, One Hundred and Thirtieth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was made sergeant-major of the regiment and soon afterward, upon the resignation of John B. Hay, of Belleville, Ill., he was promoted to the position of adjutant. The regiment having become decimated by hard service in the field, it was consolidated in January, 1865, with the Seventy-seventh Illinois Volunteers, and Mr. Dewey was made captain of company C of said regiment. He was finally mustered out of the service in the autumn of 1865. On his return from the army he was placed in charge of the office of Circuit Clerk of Bond county and continued in the position until the autumn of 1868, when he accepted a position as professor of mathematics in the Illinois Agricultural College, then recently started at Irvington. After holding this position four years he came to Cairo in the fall of 1872 and took a business position. In March, 1887, upon the resignation of Hon. A. H. Irving as Circuit Clerk, he was appointed by Governor Oglesby to fill the vacancy. He was elected in November, 1887, to fill the office for the unexpired term, and in November, 1888, he was re-elected for the full term of four years and again re-elected in 1892. Mr. Dewey is a very capable officer, a man of ability and unquestioned integrity. He occupies a high position in Cairo society and was recently elected an elder in the Presbyterian church, of which he has been a member for some years.

**JOHN H. ROBINSON,** County Judge, Alexander County.—A gentleman who has contributed much towards the building up of Cairo is Judge Robinson who is a native of Ohio, and has been County Judge of Alexander Co., Ill., twelve years and Justice of the Peace twenty years. He is an I. O. O. F. and member of the G. A. R. and served in the 13th, Ill., Inf. His administration has been characterized by carefulness and a display of a knowledge of the duties which have devolved upon him, which has well sustained the good opinion which the people have of him.

**JOHN HODGES,** Sheriff and Collector.—One of the most enterprising of Alexander county's officials is Captain John Hodges, the present sheriff and collector. Capt. Hodges is a native of Alexander County and has served as sheriff for many years on various occasions before. He has always been an extensive farmer and at the present time has eight hundred acres of very fine land under cultivation. He is one of the most capable and efficient men that the county has ever had in any office and is an admirable sheriff.

**GEO. O. CHRISTMAN,** Manager, the Mercantile Agency, R. G. Dun & Co.—In the interests of justice and for protection from fraud there are many means adopted, but none compare in thoroughness and system with that of the great mercantile agency of R. G. Dun & Co., one of the leading business organizations of the world, and, as an institution of its kind, stands unapproached. It was started in New York City in 1841 and from a very small beginning has extended its connections over the civilized world. It has 140 offices in the United States. The Cairo, Ill., office is in the able hands of Mr. Geo. O. Christman, who came here to open up the office in October, '88. He has been seven years with Dun's. Mr. Christman is a native of St. Louis and is an I. O. O. F. and K. P. He is conspicuous for his promptness and energy, while his natural force and magnetism have gained the admiration of those he has come in personal contact with.

**HENRY HASENJAEGER,** Brewers' Agent. Manufacturer of Mineral Water, Commercial Ave. An important branch of industrial activity and one which meets with due recognition in all cities is that ably represented here by Harry Hasenjaeger. He has been established twelve years and occupies commodious premises, 25x100 ft. in dimensions. Mr. Hasenjaeger is agent for Anthony and Kuhn Brewing Co. St. Louis, and the Pabst Brewing Co. Milwaukee. He employs six assistants. His fac-

ilities for successfully conducting the business are of the most complete character. He is a native of Germany. The steady growth of his business is due to his prompt, honorable policy, and his prospects in the near future are of the most favorable character.

**DR. JUDSON E. STRONG,** Office 807 Washington Ave. The homeopathic practice of medicine, for years distrusted by a doubting public, has slowly but surely converted to its ranks some of the greatest talent of our day, till now homeopaths take their place in the front of medical science. Dr. Strong is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and a graduate of the Cleveland Homeopathic Hospital College, class of 1880. He has been engaged eleven years in practice in Cairo and is the only homeopath in the city. He is a gentleman of fine sense and striking appearance, is well liked by the public and the medical brotherhood.

**A. COMINGS,** Justice of the Peace, Notary Public; All Legal Business Promptly Attended to, Office 102 Eighth St.—Judge A. Comings, born in New Hampshire, came to the state of Ill., in 1856 as a teacher and was one of the first five who were granted a State certificate. He followed the profession of teaching for sixteen years. He has lived thirty-two years in Cairo. He is Justice of the Peace and has been so sixteen years; also Notary Public. All legal business promptly attended to. He was Police Magistrate of Cairo for eight years. He is a member of the G. A. R. and served as Captain in Co. F., 70th Ill. Also a prominent I. O. O. F.



Judge Comings is Secretary of that highly successful and useful corporation—the Cairo Building and Loan Association, the officers of which are: Paul G. Schuh, President; Henry Hasenjaeger, Vice-President; A. Comings, Secretary; J. H. Galligan, Treasurer. Judge Comings is a gentleman who is justly esteemed in social and commercial circles as a capable, experienced and reliable man of the strictest honor and integrity.

**J. J. JENNELLE,** Dentist, 807 Washington Ave.—Among the inventions of the nineteenth century none are of more importance than those pertaining to dentistry. Dr. J. J. Jennelle, the gentleman forming the immediate subject of our sketch, is a native of New York State. He studied his chosen profession in Michigan and has been practising 26 years, ten of these in Cairo. He is an affable gentleman, enjoying the confidence of all with whom he is brought in contact. That he is cut out for dentistry is amply shown by the flattering success he has met with in Cairo.

**Wm. EICHHOFF,** Dealer in and Manufacturer of Furniture, Chairs, Mattresses, Etc. Factory and Salesroom, Corner Washington Avenue and 17th Street.—One of the oldest mercantile houses of this city in its line of trade, is that of Wm. Eichhoff, established 30 years ago. The premises occupied consist of a fine structure, three stories and basement 50x80 ft. in extent, with fire-proof sheet steel on the exterior. Mr. Eichhoff is a native of Cairo. He is an active man, who is esteemed as among the foremost and most highly respected city merchants.

**SAMUEL HASTINGS,** Dealer in Oats, Corn & Hay.—A gentleman who has enjoyed a solid reputation in business circles for ten years, may justly be regarded as being a desirable person with whom to establish trade relations. Such a one is the subject of our sketch. Mr. Samuel Hastings, whose office is eligibly located on the Levee, is an extensive dealer in oats, corn and hay, and employs fifteen hands in the prosecution of business. He is a native of Ohio and has lived in Illinois since 1856. By handling only goods of the best quality, he has won a liberal patronage and enjoys the trade of a large permanent custom.

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**WILSON P. MALONE, M. D.**—Among the professions none requires more sagacity than the specialist. Wilson P. Malone, M. D., is a native of Fairfax Courthouse, Va., and graduate of the University of Maryland, class of 1858, and special course in 1891 on diseases of the eye and ear; he does a general practice, diseases of the eye and ear being a specialty. He accurately adjusts the finest Brazilian pebble lenses to all forms of defective vision. He is well suited to his profession, is regarded as one of the best physicians here, and his ability has gained for him the recognition of the best classes.

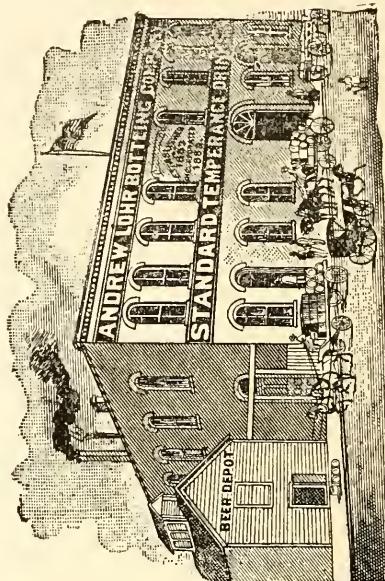
**COTTER BROS.**, Fruit, Produce and Confectionery, 417 Ohio Levee.—In endeavoring to preserve some record of commercial firms of the city by historical notes, our object in introducing this department of our work is attributable more to a desire to gather together remembrances of an interesting nature, rather than seek opportunity for personal compliment. Cotter Bros., who form the immediate subject of our sketch, were born and raised in Cairo, and have both traveled for two Cairo wholesale grocery houses and are well posted in produce and groceries. E. J. Cotter was twelve years with the New York Store Mercantile Co. The present partnership was formed six months ago, and from the inception of the enterprise they have been successful, their business increasing steadily. Their premises consist of a two-story structure, 25x100 ft. in extent. They employ six hands. E. J. & T. Cotter are the members of the firm. By their activity, energy and prompt characteristics, they have won for themselves and their house a high reputation.

**HALLIDAY BROTHERS**, Proprietors Roller Flouring Mills, Dealers in Flour, Bran, Hay, Shipstuff, Salt and Coal. These immense mills, established twenty years ago, have always maintained a high reputation. The mill building is four stories with basement, and warehouse three stories and basement, and they are fitted up with the most improved machinery and are the equal of any in the west. Owing to the good location on the "Illinois Central," M. & O. and the "Big Four," they possess ample facilities for shipping. Choice family and extra family flour are manufactured here, which they ship south, and also do some exporting. They have a capacity of 700 barrels of flour. They are dealers in flour, bran, hay, shipstuff, salt and coal. They employ thirty men in the mills, besides 28 men in the cooper shops, where they manufacture their own barrels. Mr. W. S. Gore, manager, is a native of Illinois and has been twelve years with Halliday Brothers, and twenty years in the milling business. He is a man well known and respected, and his long experience and splendid reputation entitles him to manage this large enterprise.

**S. S. HALLIDAY**, The Aztec Indian Remedy. Mr. S. S. Halliday, proprietor of The Aztec Indian Remedy establishment, has been running one year, and employs fourteen assistants in the prosecution of the first-class business. The great success of The Aztec Indian Remedy is owing to the all-important fact that it does what is guaranteed for it, namely: to cure all nervous diseases. Mr. Halliday is a native of Cairo and formerly was with Halliday Bros. Flour Mills. He is an experienced and energetic man of acknowledged ability, and under his management the enterprise has become one of the leading establishments of the kind in the west.

**R. SMYTH & CO.**, Wholesale and Retail Liquor Dealers, 503 Ohio Levee. To the rapid growth of Cairo as a flourishing trade centre in the last few years and in the development of her material prosperity, her mercantile houses have largely contributed. Among these the firm of R. Smyth & Co. has taken a leading part. The house was established in 1859. The spacious premises occupy 25x70 ft. in extent. Three assistants are required in the prosecution of the first-class business done in wholesale and retail liquors. Mr. R. Smyth has lived thirty years in Cairo and is an influential figure in local trade circles and is numbered among Cairo's leading men.

**ANDREW LOHR BOTTLING CO.** Manufacturers of Standard Temperance Drinks. Established 1863. It is an invariable rule that those industrial concerns which have acquired the greatest popularity, have based their claims to public favor not only on the superior quality of their wares, but upon the transactions of their business governed by sterling



principles, from which have accrued the success enjoyed by the Andrew Lohr Bottling Co., of Cairo. It is famous as being the champion and pioneer Standard Temperance Drink Factory of Southern Illinois. Thirty-five men are regularly employed in the manufacture of the products for which the establishment has become noted.

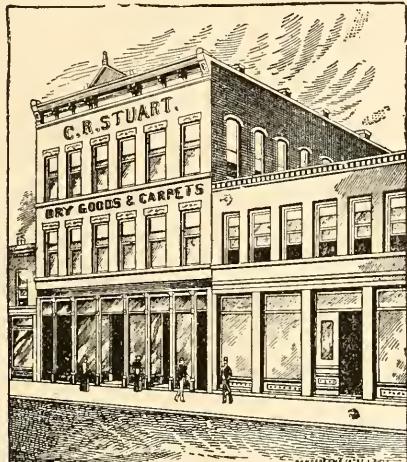
**F. TEICHMAN**, Manufacturer of Fine Cigars, 703 Commercial Avenue. Many gratifying indications are constantly afforded of the growing importance and enlargement of Cairo's commercial interests. An illustration is the growth of Mr. F. Teichman's Cigar Factory, established 19 years ago; the premises occupied are 16x80 ft., and ten assistants are employed in the manufacture of the choice cigars for which the establishment has always been known. The special brands are "Peerless" and Longfellow (5c), "Upper Ten" (10c). Mr. Teichman came to Cairo in 1869. By energetic and well-directed efforts, he has reared a splendid enterprise and become one of the city's representative manufacturers.

**THE AVENUE HOTEL**, C. H. Brackett Proprietor.—Mr. C. H. Brackett, proprietor of The Avenue Hotel, has been three years in the hotel business and took possession of this house on the 10th of July, 1894. The Avenue Hotel is one of the best in this section of the State for the reasonable rates charged—\$1.00 to 1.50 per day. There are fifty sleeping apartments and sixty rooms in all. Twelve hands are employed. The furniture is new, the house new, everything new. Sample rooms free. No bar attached. Mr. Brackett is a native of Tennessee. He is highly esteemed in local trade circles and numbered among the representative Cairo men. The Avenue Hotel does credit to Cairo and Alexander County.

**CHAS. CUNNINGHAM**, Dealer in Hay, Corn, Oats and Bran, 419 Ohio Levee. To the rapid growth of Cairo as a flourishing trade centre in the last few years and in the development of her material prosperity, her mercantile houses have largely contributed. Among these Mr. Chas. Cunningham, has taken a leading part, and the trade of his house is a large item in the aggregate of business transacted here. Mr. Cunningham was

established five years ago and is the successor to W. W. Miller & Co. The prestige of the house has been steadily maintained and its trade increased and extended. The ample premises occupied at the above location are 25x100 ft. in extent and eight assistants are required. Mr. Cunningham is a native of Illinois and has lived in Cairo since 1863. He is prominently identified with the Knights of Honor.

**CHAS. R. STUART**, Dry Goods, Carpets and Millinery, 217-219 Eighth Street.—A representative and popular establishment in this city, is that of Chas. R. Stuart, who was established 15 years ago. He carries splendid assortments of imported and do-



mestic dry goods, carpets and millinery. Nine assistants are required in the several departments. He has long been a prominent figure in city trade circles, where he is numbered among the most highly respected merchants.

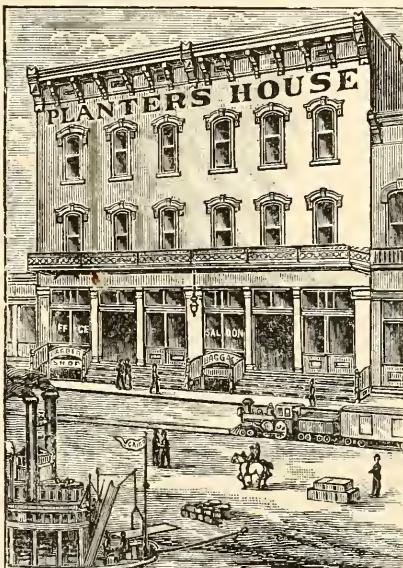
**FEUCHTER BROTHERS**, Successors to F. Gross & Co. Distillers & Wholesale Dealers in Fine Kentucky Whiskies, California Wines & Brandies, 513 Commercial Ave.—Feuchter Brothers were established in 1863 and occupy the premises 25x100 ft. in extent. Their rating in commercial circles is first class and their success is well deserved, as also is the confidence reposed in them by all with whom they have business transactions.

**R. JONES**, Fine Wines, Liquors and Cigars, Corner Eighth and Commercial Avenue.—A gentleman who is thoroughly conversant in his branch of commercial activity, is he who forms the immediate subject of our sketch. Mr. R. Jones has been established thirteen years. As he sells nothing but the best, his establishment has become a favorite one. There is a restaurant attached. Specialties are fine old whiskies, brandies, bitters and all kinds and qualities of gins and wines by the bottle or glass, also imported porter and ale. He employs three assistants. He was formerly engaged many years here in the shoe business. He is a native of England. His success is but a reflex of his popular efforts on behalf of his patrons.

**THOS. W. GANNON**, 1001 Washington Ave.—The most imperative necessity of any building is the proper adjustment of its plumbing, steam and hot water heating as the good health and security from sickness of its occupants is largely dependent upon them. Thos. W. Gannon's Plumbing, Steam and Hot Water Heating Emporium was established five years ago. He is heating engineer and contractor and dealer in pumps, pipe and fittings, sanitary specialties; plumbing, steam and hot water heating; water motors, ventilating fans, awnings, tents, etc. Plumbers and steam fitters supplies. The ample premises on Washington Ave. are 30x100 feet. During the busy season, Mr. Gannon employs 40 men, who execute the orders of a large and widely extended trade. He has a branch house at

Murphysboro, Ill., where his brother R. E. Gannon is manager. Mr. Thos. W. Gannon is manager of the Cairo Water Co. He furnishes estimates for work of every description, and the facilities of his thoroughly equipped establishment are ample for the prompt execution of all matters entrusted to his charge. His house has the contract for the new water works and electric light plant at Cape Girardeau, Mo. He has an enviable reputation for honorable methods and frank liberal policy.

**PLANTERS HOUSE**, Nos. 411 and 413 Ohio Levee. Peter Neff & Sons, Proprietors.—A well-conducted city hostelry is the Planters' House of Cairo, established 17th October, 1888. The house is equipped with the modern adjuncts of comfort. It is complete in all its appointments, with sample room, hot and cold baths, bar, barbershop, electric light



and steam heating attachments. Terms \$1.50 to \$2.00 per day. Centrally located. Close to all railroad depots and steamboat landings. Eighteen assistants are required in the prosecution of the business. Peter Neff & Sons are the proprietors, V. Neff taking the management. He is thoroughly conversant with his duties and has won an enviable popularity for the house.

**AISTHORPE & HALLIDAY**, Dealers in Stoves, Hardware, Etc., 616 Commercial Ave. A careful review of the business interests of Cairo discloses the existence of a class of houses prepared to compete in every respect, in the several lines they represent, with the rival establishments of any city in the Union. Such is the firm of Aisthorpe & Halliday, established seven years ago. Their premises are a model of neatness and good arrangement. They are dealers in stoves, ranges, furnaces, cutlery, tinware, wood and willow ware, etc. All kinds of tin, copper, galvanized iron and furnace work a specialty. They employ eight men. Mr. Ned. C. Halliday, who manages the business, was raised in Cairo. Aisthorpe and Halliday are generally esteemed in all circles and popularly numbered among the representative citizens of Cairo.

**BUCHER BROS. & CO.**, Wholesale and Retail Butchers, Packers, Sausage Manufacturers, 1909 Commercial Ave.—Among the foremost butchering enterprises of this city should be mentioned the firm of Bucher Bros. All goods coming from this establishment are well-known to the wide circle of customers for their purity, freshness and moderate prices. By able and popular management, Bucher Bros. & Co. have reared a large business,

and won the confidence of a numerous patronage. The store was established ten years ago by E. Bucher.

**ST. MARY'S INFIRMARY**, Walnut Street.—This model institution combines the benefits of a first-class hospital and the comforts of a home. It is pleasantly situated, surrounded by shady trees and shrubbery. It is fitted with all conveniences for surgical diseases, especially in the treatment of chronic cases, where the surroundings help the practitioner considerably, has it been very efficient. Patients are made to feel they are among friends who are interested in them. It was established during the war by the sisters of the Holy Cross, who indeed have made it an honor to Cairo. It can

west. E. N. Gearing, superintendent, who came here from Defiance, Ohio, is a man of unflagging energy and faithfully discharges the onerous duties devolving upon him.

**THE SINGER MFG. CO.'S Case Factory.**—This mammoth corporation of world wide celebrity employs no less than 45,000 men and 12,000 horses in its business throughout the world. Their Case Factory at Cairo was started in 1881. The capacity of this factory is 700,000 per annum. The Cairo factory and the one at South Bend, Ind. together make the woodwork for all the company's machines in the world. One hundred and eighty hands are employed at Cairo. One half the products of this factory is shipped to the Glasgow, Scotland, factory. J. L. Sarber, Superintendent, is a native of Indiana and has been 22 years with Singer's. He is an energetic, clear-headed man, and to his judicious superintendence is due much of the success of this factory.

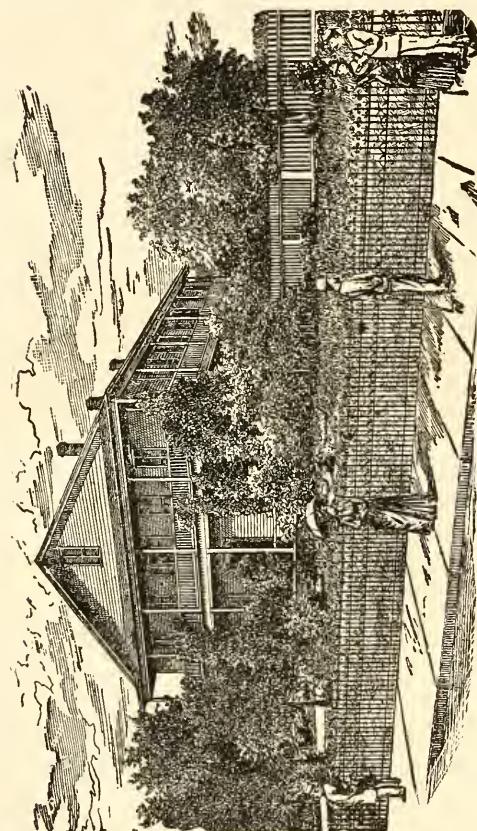
**THE SNYDER & SON CO. Manufacturers of Shafts, Pole Strips, Etc., F. Frapelle, Manager.**—Every city in the United States, either from its geographical position or from some peculiar natural advantages, has some specialty attracting the attention of its business men. Cairo, Ill. is no exception to this rule and one of the most enterprising firms which it is our privilege to mention, is the Snyder & Son Co., established in August 1893. They are extensive manufacturers of shafts, pole strips, etc. The company employ forty men in Cairo and one hundred in their logging camps in Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri and Illinois. The Snyder & Son Co. is the best market for hickory logs. F. Frapelle, Manager, came to Cairo from Kentucky and is a gentleman of industry and well posted in the details of this business.

**W. M. WILLIAMS, Claim Agent Mobile & Ohio R.R.**—W. M. Williams, the well-known claim agent, was established in 1887. He is claim agent for the Mobile & Ohio R. R. Co. lands and has 650,000 acres for sale in Alabama and Mississippi. He is one of the Directors of the Southern Illinois Immigration and Improvement Association. He is prominently identified with the Masons and various other secret organizations. He is known as a man of worth and influence and thoroughly posted on Southern lands.

**JOHN W. BAKER, Attorney at Law, 714 Commercial Avenue.**—A careful review of the professional interests of Cairo develops the existence of several rising young lawyers. An instance of this is John W. Baker. He studied with his father and has been practising in Cairo since October, 1892. He is a Notary Public. Mr. Baker is a native of Cairo and has proven a decided acquisition to the vigorous ranks which are driving forward this growing city.

**DR. J. J. BENDLEMAN, 706 Commercial Avenue.**—Among the names which have acquired prominence on the wings of Cairo's prosperity, none command attention more than this one. Dr. J. J. Bendleman is a native of Illinois and graduate of the medical department of the University of Tennessee, class of 1885; also of Jefferson Medical, class of 1886. He has practised five years in Cairo. The Dr. is a member of the Southern Illinois and American Medical. He has from his earliest days shown that he realizes the grave and serious responsibilities resting on a doctor. He has always been a careful student in his chosen profession and the result is every day seen in the large number of patients who visit him.

**WOOD & BENNETT, Wholesale Grocers.**—There is nothing so markedly shows the strength and prosperity of Cairo's trade as the number of large concerns engaged in handling the staple necessities of life. Prominent among them is that of Wood & Bennett, established in 1876. Their mill and warehouses are at 18th and Ohio Levee, grocery department #15 Ohio Levee, the latter being 50x100 ft. in extent. Their premises afford them every convenience for handling heavy goods and are filled to overflowing with groceries of every description. It consists of China and Japan teas, Brazilian and Mocha coffees, East India spices, sugars, syrups, molasses, glucose in a hundred different grades, canned meats, fruits, fish, bot-



accommodate 70 patients. Great attention is given to surgical cases, rectal troubles, pelvic and abdominal surgery. All the electrical appliances known, including those for faradic, static and galvanic currents are on hand, also electric vapor, Turkish baths and massage. The Medical Staff is composed of highly educated physicians, who stand at the head of the profession in Southern Illinois. Patients, however, are allowed to have the services of any physician whom they may desire, provided he is in good standing in the profession. Terms: Expenses per week, not including physician's charges, single room, main building, \$10 to \$15; suite of two rooms, main building, \$15 to \$20; private ward, \$7, and public ward, \$5. The above terms include board, nursing and medicines.

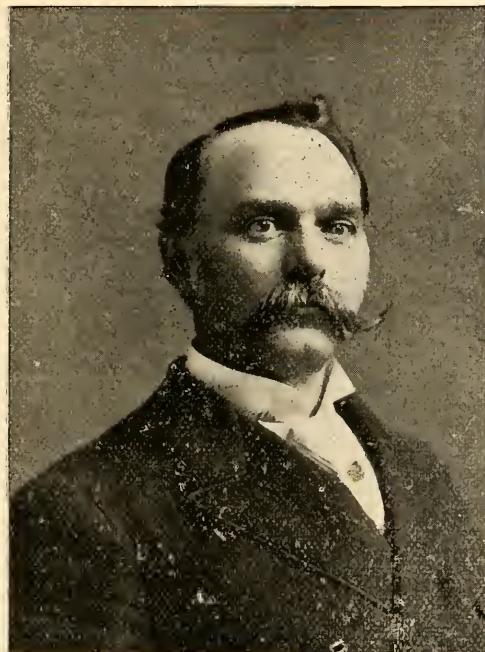
**BURGLAND & SHEAD'S Pall Factory.**—One of the city's most important factories is Burgland & Shead's Pall Factory, which was established here in October, 1893. The best machinery, the most experienced workmen (twenty in number) and the best materials all combine to produce the standard article, which is in increasing demand all over the

led pickets, jellies, flour, butter, hams, nuts, raisins, confectionery, etc. They are commission merchants also and are manufacturers of city steam dried roller meal, and dealers in flour, meal, grain and hay. Twelve assistants are required. Mr. Sanford P. Bennett, the managing partner, is a native of Illinois.

**H. H. HALLIDAY**, 226, 228, 230 Tenth Street.—The name of Halliday is synonymous in Cairo, Ill., with progress and enterprise; H. H. Halliday was established six years ago. He is dealer in lime, cement, hair, fire brick and clay and plasterer's supplies; hay, corn, oats, bran and ground feed. The premises are 100 feet square, and five hands are employed. Mr. Halliday is a native of Cairo and is respected and esteemed in trade circles and numbered among the representative business men of the city.

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**Hon. Walter Warder**, Cairo; lawyer. Born at Maysville, Ky., April 7, 1851, his father moving to Johnson county, Illinois, next year. He was raised on a farm and participated in the hardships of a farmer boy in the 60's. He attended the public schools and completed his education at Illinois University, Champaign. Returning home he worked on the farm, taught school and studied law, applying himself industriously, and was admitted to



the bar in September, 1874, and immediately began practice at Marion. In 1876 he married Miss Dora Bain, daughter of John Bain of Vienna, one of the wealthiest citizens of Southern Illinois. In 1883 he was appointed States Attorney of Alexander county to fill a vacancy; in 1885 he was appointed Master in Chancery and has held the office ever since. Although of southern birth and democratic antecedents he has always been a republican, and is regarded as one of the strongest men in "Egypt." He was the caucus nominee for temporary speaker last January; served on the leading committees of the session of 1891, including the steering committee, and was re-elected by an increased vote in 1892.

**DR. WM. W. STEVENSON**. In the person of Dr. Stevenson Cairo has an able representative of the medical fraternity and especially in his remarkably successful surgical practice has the Doctor's fame become established not only in Cairo but in several states, from which many patients come to him with cases that their local physicians can do nothing with. Dr. S. was born in Baltimore, graduated from the university of Md. in 1880; before that had five years of city hospital practice. He came to Illinois and practised five years at Commercial Point in this county before he came to Cairo nine years ago. Since then this larger field has added



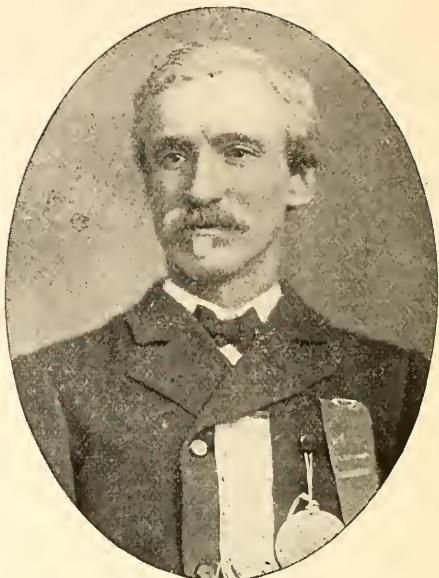
wonderfully to his reputation and his many friends and patients consider him without a superior as a surgeon. Besides a large and growing private practice the duties of the following appointments claim his attention: Visiting Surg. St. Mary's Infirmary, District Surg. Illinois Central R. R., Division Surg. M. & O., Surgeon C. C. C & St. L. R. R. The Doctor has a splendid manner for a physician and readily gains a patient's confidence. He is enterprising, obtains the best medical books and journals as they come out and also the latest inventions in surgical instruments and appliances. He is a great worker and an important factor for Cairo's welfare, happiness and substantiality.

**C. M. HOWE & BRO**, 511 Ohio Levee.—Prominent among the business concerns located on this busy thoroughfare is that of C. M. Howe & Bro. They were established in 1871. They are wholesale dealers in provisions and produce, and employ seven assistants. The facilities they possess for successfully conducting the extensive business are of an unusually complete character, whereby they are enabled to offer unusual advantages. Mr. Frank Howe, who manages, is a native of Natchez, Miss., and by able and popular management has reared a fast increasing business.

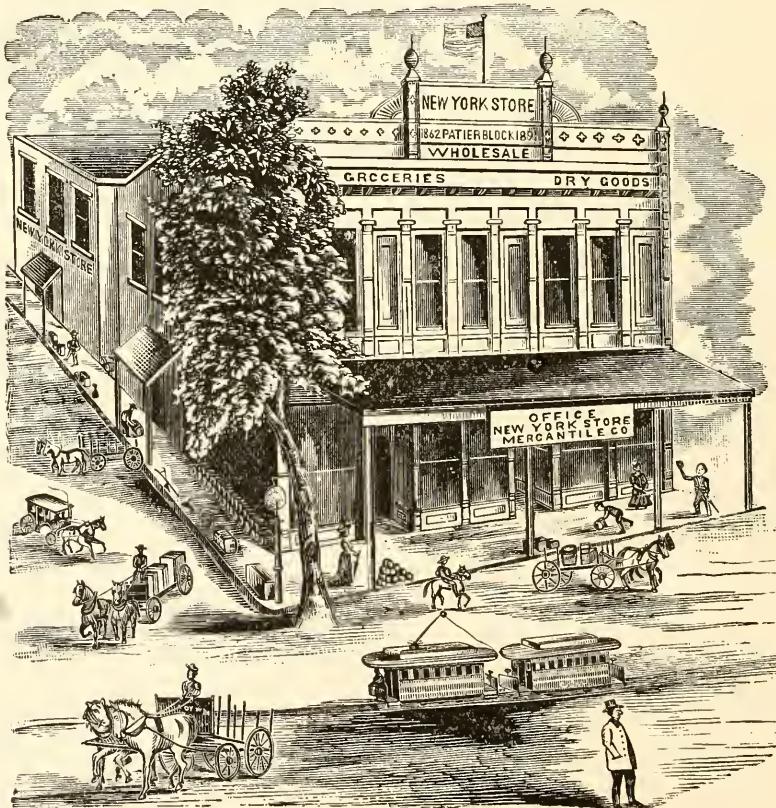
**ALBERT S. GALIGHER**, Southern Corn Mills, Daily Capacity 400 bbls. K. D. Corn Meal, Hoop Factory, Daily Capacity 18000 Coiled Elm Hoops.—This enterprising gentleman who is a native of Cairo has been established in business now ten years. For his extensive business he occupies a building 3 stories and attic 60 feet square and the general appointment of the premises include all the modern adjuncts of convenience and utility. Twenty men are regularly employed. By spirited management, he has reared what may well be termed a representative institution.

**DR. W. C. JOCELYN**, Dentist.—Among the oldest established and best known dentists in Cairo is the subject of our sketch, Dr. W. C. Jocelyn. He is a native of Vermont and graduate of the Missouri Dental College, class of 72-3. During his eighteen years' practice at Cairo, he has made friends both for himself and his work.

NEW YORK STORE MERCANTILE COMPANY, Wholesale Grocers and General Dry Goods, 1901-1903-1905-1907 Commercial Avenue, 209 Nineteenth Street.—Success to a very large extent in any branch of business depends to a great degree upon intelligent proficiency, which involves a thoroughly practical knowledge of and attention to details. Combining these characteristics in an eminent degree and transacting an enormous business do those in charge of that famous corporation, the New York Store Mercantile Company, established in 1862. They are successors to C. O. Patier and Co., and New York Store Co. They have the largest general stock in Southern Illinois. Retail department connected with the house. The ample premises occupied are 100x90 ft., while no less than thirty assistants are constantly employed. The officers are: Chas. O. Patier, President; D. J. O'Connell, Vice-President, and Chas. E. Hessian, Sec'y and Treas. The President, Col. Patier is a native of Pennsylvania. He is Mayor of Cairo, where he came after the war, during which he was Colonel in the 6th Mo. He was also Colonel two years on the Governor's staff. Messrs. O'Connell and Hessian were both raised in Cairo. They are considered in business circles men of worth and influence, who have rendered valuable services to Cairo.



Chas. Patier, Mayor.



**S. B. CARY, M. D.**, 701 Commercial Avenue, Buder Block.—The humanizing influences of Christianity are shown in thousands of directions, but in none to a more marked degree than that of medical and surgical science. S. B. Cary, M. D., is a native of Union City, Tennessee and a graduate of the Nashville and Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, class of 1881. The Doctor has practised three years in Cairo. He is a member of the Alexander County Medical Society. He has always been a careful student in his profession and the result is seen every day in the large number of patrons who call at his office.

**THE HALLIDAY HOTEL.**—This hotel under and the management of L. P. Parker for 13 years has become famous and in accommodations and appointments is surpassed by no hotel in the country. It is admirably located just across the street from the union depot and two blocks from steamboat landings. It has every modern convenience, such as elevators, hot and cold baths, suites of rooms, steam heat, steam laundry, billiard room, barber shop, parlors, reception rooms, offices, sample rooms. The furnishing of the table, for as many as 125 guests at one time, leaves nothing to be desired by the most epicurean spirit. There are 107 sleeping apartments, sixty employees and no pains are spared by the genial owner, Mr. Parker, to make his guest's sojourn pleasant and agreeable in which he is well assisted by his army of employees.

**PACIFIC EXPRESS CO., E. E. Cox, Agent.**—E. E. Cox, the agent of the Pacific Express Company at Cairo has been with the company nine years and agent here five years. He is a native of the "Blue Grass" State. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias. He is one of the most experienced express agents in the state and has deservedly gained a reputation for reliability and business qualifications.

**ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY.**—This school conducted by the Sisters of Loretto was founded in 1864 and by its charter enjoys all the privileges of a state institution. It is pleasantly situated commanding an extensive view of the rivers. The grounds are ample and retired and the buildings have every modern convenience. The correspondence of pupils is under the supervision of the Superior. The year is divided into two sessions of five months each and the course embraces three departments, Primary, Intermediate and Senior, which comprise all the studies that go to make a thorough and finished education. Special attention is given to the manners of the young ladies and teaching them to think for themselves. Terms of admission: Tuition in the entire English course, plain and ornamental needle work, board and washing, per session of five months, \$80. Terms for day pupils: Tuition per session for first class, \$10; tuition per session second class, \$7.50, and tuition per session for third class, \$5. Extra charges: Music on piano with use of instrument, \$20; music on guitar with use of instrument, \$20; music on organ with use of instrument, \$20; vocal music, \$10, and lessons on violin at Professor's charges. Drawing and painting in water colors, \$10; oil painting, \$20, and French and German, each, per session, \$5.

**A. RAGGIO & SON, Importers and Wholesale Dealers in Fruits, Etc.,** 618 Commercial Avenue; 1915 Poplar Street.—Among the old established mercantile houses of Cairo, we notice that of A. Raggio & Son, founded in 1870. The ample premises occupied are 25x75 feet in extent, besides another store uptown 25x50. They employ four assistants. A Raggio & Son are importers and wholesale dealers in Fruits, Nuts, Candies and Chewing Gums. A specialty is made of oranges, lemons, bananas and grapes. They have the largest stock in Southern Illinois. Alex. M. Raggio, who manages the business, was born in Illinois.

**W. W. KIMBALL, Internal Revenue Service, Thirteenth District of Illinois, Collector's Office.**—Was raised at Murphysboro, Ill., where he was deputy county clerk seven years, prior to taking his present office in April, 1894. He is prominently identified with the order of the I. O. O. F.s. Mr. Kimball is worthy of the large measure of success he has achieved, and of the respect entertained for him here and in his native county.

**M. J. HOWLEY, P. M.**—The Government Post Office Building at Cairo, Ill., is one of the finest structures of its kind. M. J. Howley has been city postmaster since 1st January, 1894. He has a competent corps of five polite clerks and delivers the mail by seven carriers. He gives the citizens four deliveries a day. Mr. Howley has lived here over 29 years and was formerly 18 years in the real estate business.

**A. J. ROSS, Police Magistrate and Notary Public**—Is a native of Missouri and lived 42 years in Mound City, before coming to Cairo ten years ago. He was City Marshal in Mound City. He has been Police Magistrate of Cairo one year. He is a member of the "Red Men." Cairo cannot but rejoice in having such staunch men as Capt. Ross interested in her welfare, being, as he is, one who will ever materially aid the general prosperity of the city.

**WINTER BROS.**, Washington Avenue Bet. Seventh and Eighth Streets.—One of the finest appointed groceries in Southern Illinois is that of Winter Bros. The store room, 30x122 ft. contains everything usually found in a first-class house. They are also wholesale dealers in oysters, ice and milk. Vegetables being one of their specialties, they surpass on supply and variety. A large force of assistants is employed, while several delivery wagons are kept busy. Wm. Winter, Jr., and Claude Winter are the members of the firm. While at their house can always be found the best, it may also be stated, with equal truth, that here, too, can be bought cheap—a fact which has considerably contributed to the store's success.

**FRANK C. MILLER.**—A review of Cairo would be incomplete which failed to give prominence to the local office of the Western Union Telegraph Co. The Cairo manager is Frank C. Miller. He is a native of Michigan and was two years manager of the Postal Telegraph Cable Co. at Grand Rapids, Mich., before coming to Cairo 10th May last. He has five assistants in the office. Mr. Miller has been 25 years in telegraphy and under his capable management, the Western Union cannot but continue to make good progress in Cairo.

**DR. J. H. DAVIS, Dentist, Commercial Avenue and Eighth Street.**—The popular dental parlors of Dr. J. H. Davis, are located in the heart of the city. Dr. Davis is a native of St. Louis, and graduate of the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, class of 1892. He has spared neither pains nor expense in fitting up and decorating his rooms. The operating rooms are supplied with electrical power, fans and everything in the way of improved dental appliances that could contribute to the comfort of patients. A lady always in attendance. Dr. Davis is always on the alert for any new invention which will aid him in the practice of his profession. He is progressive and thoroughly equipped for conducting dentistry in all its branches.

**JOE B. FEILD, "The Gem," 1007 Commercial Ave.**—Joe B. Feild, proprietor of "The Gem," has been established four years. He does business in the choicest brands of wines, liquors and imported and domestic cigars. Also in Pabst's celebrated lager beer. Mr. Feild is a native of Fort Worth, Texas, and is a responsible and wide-awake gentleman, with whom transactions cannot but prove permanently satisfactory.

**GUS. GHIO, Merchants' Exchange, 815 Commercial Avenue. Merchants' Lunch every Morning.**—Our pen sketches of the city of Cairo's go-ahead men, would be incomplete without mention of Gus Ghio. Mr. G. was born and raised in Cairo. He employs two assistants. He is a member of the K. P.s. and Red Men. He is a pleasant and reliable man, with whom it is a pleasure to deal.

**C. A. LYSETH, Groceries and Provisions, 1015 Commercial Ave.**—Was established 21st January, 1890. He occupies premises 24x60, and three assistants are required. He handles a full line of foreign and domestic food products, teas, coffees, provisions, etc., of the best quality, and sold at low prices. Mr. Lyseth was raised in Illinois. He has won a liberal patronage and enjoys the esteem of his customers as a square painstaking merchant.

# O'FALLON.

This town was named by the property owners of the city in deference to Col. John O'Fallon of St. Louis and his heirs whose landed property lies immediately west of O'Fallon. The town was settled and surveyed in 1854. A village charter was granted Jan'y 29, 1854—Government: A President and Board of Trustees, (6), constituting Village Council; Village Clerk and Police Magistrate, all elective; a Village Treasurer, Constable and Street Inspector appointed by Council.

## CHURCHES.

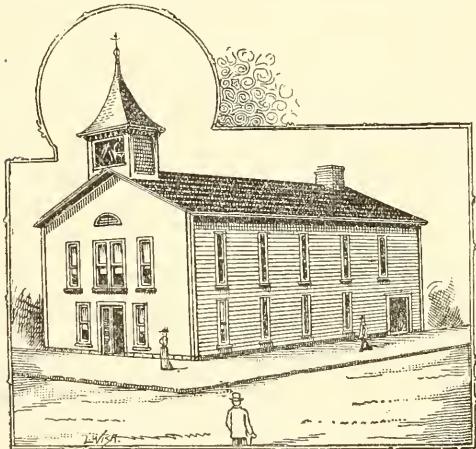
Lutheran, Catholic, Baptist and Methodist. One graded school—200 pupils; principal and three teachers.

## POPULATION.

About 1200 largely German and German descent. Industrial mainly.

## ADVANTAGES, COMMERCIAL AND NATURAL.

Situated on the great trunk line B. & O. S. W., R.R., at the intersection of the L. & N. R. R. 18 miles east of the city of St. Louis in the heart of a rich agricultural region, coal deposits in vast quantities in close proximity on all sides, and an inexhaustible supply of pure water, obtained from a subterranean lake or river; altitude, 550 feet above the Mississippi, rolling land surface with here and there areas of growing forest growths, soil, sand, alluvial, streets and highways in a fairly good condition. The people are hospitable and social to a marked degree.



City Hall and Fire Station.

## PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

The village hall and fire station, a handsome modern brick building with bell tower, two high stories 40x60 feet, contains prison hall and theatrorium—public school 50x30 feet in dimension, two stories—Odd Fellows and Masonic halls—three hotels; Richland, St. Clair and O'Fallon.

Streets lighted with oil lamps—a public park adjacent to village hall. A movement on foot to install electric light plant, for lighting and power, also a system of water works—water supply now obtained from excellent wells and cisterns.

CHARLES TIEDEMANN MILLING COMPANY. Home Office, O'Fallon, Ill.—The milling industry of the United States is not confined to large cities but on the contrary many of the most important enterprises of this class are to be found in the rural districts around which cluster thriving

and prosperous villages. A notable example which may serve to illustrate this fact is seen through the Richland mills at O'Fallon. They were founded in 1861 by Charles Tiedemann, who died four years ago and whose career of usefulness will long be remembered by the people of this community. The business was incorporated under the State laws in 1891 with a paid up capital of \$50,000, and officered as follows: Jennie Tiedemann, president; Samuel C. Smiley, vice-president, and Louis F. Fischer, secretary and treasurer; the corporate name being Charles Tiedemann Milling Company. This company maintains two fine plants. The Richland Mills, established in 1861, located at O'Fallon, having a capacity of 400 barrels per day, and the Valley Mills established 1882 at Collinsville, Ill., with a capacity of 300 barrels daily. These plants are operated by the roller process and the product is of such a character as to warrant the statement that it is not excelled and seldom equalled in this or any other market for purity, fine flavor and high nutritive quality. Phil. E. Heyde is the miller. The company was awarded 1st premium at the World's Fair at Chicago and their product finds a ready market all over the United States and is rapidly gaining favor with foreign purchasers. Both plants have complete modern equipments and the closest inspection is given to the product turned out so as to insure the highest satisfaction. The staff as well as the officers of the company are stock holders and devote their whole time and energy to the success of the enterprise. The commercial importance of O'Fallon has been largely enhanced by the possession of such an establishment and the rich agricultural districts adjacent are also highly favored by this great industry. The officers and stock holders of this company are of wide experience and ability. They are favorably recognized in commercial as well as social circles.

BUNSEN & MCGEEHON BROS, Cash Dealers in General Merchandise. This enterprising house is a recent accession to O'Fallon's commercial growth, having been established May 15th, 1893. The individual members of the firm, Messrs. A. D. Bunsen, Brice McGeehon and Sam. McGeehon, are all young and progressive men, who believe strictly in the old and well established business principle of "quick sales and small profits." They deal for cash in general lines of merchandise, including groceries, dry goods, hardware, household supplies etc. Their stock is selected and in accordance with the best modern methods in the conduct of business they study the demands and requirements of the trade and the consumer in particular. They carry a very large and highly diversified stock and control a leading trade in the village and throughout the surrounding country districts among the farmers and miners. The premises occupied for business purposes embrace a frontage of 50 feet by a depth of 75 feet, a portion of which is set apart for reserve stock. The firm also utilize an extra warehouse in another part of the village owing to the necessity of meeting the constantly increasing demands made upon them. The location of the store is central under the Masonic Hall and in its interior arrangements and the display of goods and ware will compare favorably with the most pretentious metropolitan stores in point of taste and convenience. Mr. A. D. Bunsen was born and raised in the vicinity of O'Fallon. He is chief clerk St. Louis Division P. O. Inspectors at the Custom House in St. Louis and is a member of the Masonic order. The McGeehon brothers are also natives of St. Clair County and upon them devolves the active management of the business, Mr. Bunsen being in the St. Louis Post Office, but his counsel is always available when the necessity arrives and perfect harmony prevails among the members of this enterprising young firm. Mr. Brice McGeehon is a

member of the Town Board, elected in 1892, and is an ex-post master of the village. The Bros. apprenticed to the business at Tiedemann's store, and in dry goods at Nugent Bros. in St. Louis.

**JOSEPH LANDGRAF**, Saloon.—This gentleman is the pioneer resident of these parts, having come here 1850 when the place was a tank station on the O. & M. R. R. He is a German by birth, but has always been closely identified with the progress and development of the place of his residence. He has held the position of School Director five years, a member of the Board of Trustees twelve years and Constable six years. He established himself in business in 1864. His place is a favorite resort, the stock carried being the best that can be procured. Mr. Landgraf is an active member of the I. O. O. F. and is possessed of considerable property in the village.

**LEVI SIMMONS**, Police Magistrate.—This representative citizen of the village has been a resident upwards of thirty-six years with but slight interruption. He was born at Red Bud, Randolph County Ill. His experience in the commercial field covers a period of ten years in general merchandizing. He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1861 and upon the incorporation of the village in 1874 he became Police Justice which position he has administered ever since. He also deals in real estate, effects loans and does collections. He was President of the Board of Trustees three years, Township Supervisor two years, assessor for eight years and also held other offices. His long residence and various public services have eminently fitted him as an exponent of the public welfare in all its departments and in the discharge of his official trusts he has ever been above suspicion.

**RICHARD REMELIUS**, Constable and General Collector; Dealer in Agricultural Implements.—This house is one of the oldest and most widely known to the farming community in this section of the state. Mr. Richard Remelius founded the business in 1870 and for nearly one quarter of a century he has continued its successful conduct. He deals extensively in agricultural implements and machinery, household goods, general hardware, etc. His large store and warehouse immediately opposite are stocked to repletion with these goods and wares and there is nothing needed by farmer or miner but may be readily obtained at this establishment and at prices that defy competition. Mr. Remelius gives his personal attention to the details of the business and there are none his superior as to the knowledge of what the trade or the consumer requires. He is a German by birth but was raised in this vicinity. He served during the civil war in the 13th Mo. Volunteer Infantry. Left an orphan in early youth he has demonstrated his ability as a self made man by energy and frugality, amassing a considerable amount of property. He owns the premises occupied for business purposes and residence having a frontage of fifty feet on both sides of the street. A special feature of Mr. Remelius business is the supplying on short notice, threshing machine outfits, portable saw-mills, combination wire and picket fence, also drain tile and sewer pipe.

**MATHIAS SCHWARZ**, Undertaker; Dealer in Furniture.—A recent and most important accession to O'Fallon's commercial growth is seen in the establishment by Mr. Mathias Schwarz, March 1st 1894 of a model furniture store to which he has added a very complete undertaking department. The business was formerly owned by Ruedlin who had conducted it for upwards of twenty years and since Mr. Schwarz has taken control, he has adopted a better system in the the conduct of the business and added materially to the stock in lines of household requisites. In the undertaking department Mr. Schwarz spares no pains or expense in his endeavors to administer in a becoming manner the last sad rites of burial. He keeps in stock a select variety of coffins, metallic caskets, funeral goods, etc. and his place as a consequence is becoming very popular among all classes of the community. Mr. Schwarz is a German by birth but was raised in O'Fallon. He formerly was engaged with his brother in the shoe business at Anna, Ill. from which place he came to embark in his present enterprise. Since the incorporation of the business

here he has met with splendid success and the future is promising still better results. The premises occupied have a frontage of forty feet and two floors are utilized; embalming is also done in the much approved modern style by Mr. Schwarz and he already numbers among his patrons some of the best families of O'Fallon and vicinity.

**E. H. SMILEY**, Druggist.—From the very earliest ages the art of preparing the compounds that arrest and remove pain and heal the sick has been regarded as among the highest of human functions. A leading representative of the pharmaceutical profession in this section of the state and the only reliable one in the village of O'Fallon is Mr. E. H. Smiley who, about seven months ago, purchased the business formerly conducted by Mr. G. E. Renick. Mr. Smiley was born and raised on a farm in the vicinity of O'Fallon. He represents the intelligent and progressive element of the rural districts of the state. Mr. Smiley graduated at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy and since embarking into his present enterprise has equipped his store with every modern device and facility for the proper conduct of the business. His laboratory and prescription department are models of their kind. The freshest drugs and chemicals only are dispensed, and his personal attention is given to compounding of prescriptions. A separate department, where wall papers, paints, glass, oils, etc., is also maintained, constitutes within itself a complete store and is presided over by an efficient assistant, Mr. Bradley Umbarger. Mr. Smiley is an active member of the Masonic Order and is popular in social as well as business circles.

**JOSEPH TAYLOR**, Proprietor Ridge Prairie and O'Fallon Coal Mines, St. Clair County.—In reviewing the active business interests of this section of the state especial mention is due Mr. Joseph Taylor, who established his business here some five years ago, coming from Alma, Ill., where he was in coal mining and in which business he has been actively engaged twelve years. He is now opening a new mine two miles west of O'Fallon which will have a daily output capacity of twenty car loads. He is also proprietor of the Ridge Prairie and O'Fallon Coal Mines in St. Clair County. Mr. Taylor conducts a general store in the village and carries a very large stock, embracing dry goods, groceries, household goods, boots and shoes, etc., and occupies premises 50x50 feet in area in a location convenient to the railroad station. The trade of this house is mainly with the miners and to a considerable extent with the farming community in the vicinity of O'Fallon. Mr. Taylor is possessed of considerable property in the village and is treasurer of the local Building and Loan Association. He is also the village treasurer. He is the promoter and strong advocate of a plan for the installation of an electric light and power plant, also water works for the village of O'Fallon. A few more of his class in the village would soon develop its commercial advantages and natural resources. Mr. Taylor is an Englishman by birth and like most of his countrymen is possessed of indomitable personal courage and commercial thrift, the essential elements to modern progress. He has been a resident of this country for thirty years and closely follows American business methods. Mr. Henry Seiter of Lebanon runs a private banking house in a part of Mr. Taylor's premises.

**HENRY A. SCHILDKNECHT**, Saddler and Harness Maker, Dealer in Everything Pertaining to the Business.—This old and reliable establishment was founded in 1858 by Mr. Philip Schildknecht, the present proprietor, a son of the founder succeeding him in 1878. Mr. Henry A. Schildknecht was born in the Fatherland and came to America, when he was but two and a half years old. He was carefully trained in the business under his father's teaching. Repairing is done at reasonable prices and the farming community and mining classes may be congratulated upon the assurance of having their wants properly supplied. Mr. Schildknecht has served as village clerk five years, one term town clerk, one year village marshall, two terms town collector and is now clerk of the Board of Education. He also holds a notarial commission.

**GEO. SCHER,** Merchant Tailor.—Tailoring has its most popular exponent in this village in the person of Geo. Scher, who established business here November 1st 1887. Mr. Scher is from Belleville Ill. where he learned the trade in the leading tailoring establishment there. In all, his experience in the tailor's art covers a period of sixteen years. Mr. Scher did journeyman's work in the leading tailoring houses of St. Louis and in all branches of the craft he is thoroughly posted and is considered authority on what constitutes a perfect fit and nobby style in gentleman's clothing. He employs from three to five assistants and all work turned out is guaranteed. The prices quoted are reasonably low and the stock carried is the best that can be procured as to style and substantial wear. Mr. Scher is a native of Belleville. Since his advent in this village, he has made a host of friends and his success is due to skill and the exercise of honorable methods in his relations with patrons.

**H. SCHMELZER,** Bakery, Confections and Ice Cream Parlor.—The advent of this gentleman in O'Fallon this last spring is another indication of the progress of events. Mr. H. Schmelzer, although a German by birth raised in Russia and in America thirty years, is essentially a western man of education and experience, having traveled all over the far west where he was employed in the business that he has here embarked in on his own account. Upon his arrival here he purchased the Hammer property and immediately set about erecting his modern building with every improvement and accessory. The business comprises a completely equipped bakery, the only one in the village, fine confections and a cozy ice cream parlor. The premises have an open front, on a level with the side walk and in all respects the place would do credit to a town of more pretensions than O'Fallon. The product of the bakery is the best and freshest that can be offered for sale. The stock of confections is the most toothsome and as to the ice cream the many patrons of Mr. Schmelzer's parlors can cheerfully attest its merits. He is a gentleman of energy and business tact who expects to treat everybody right, giving value received and expecting in return a due appreciation of his services to the public. The liberal patronage he has received at the hands of people of O'Fallon is deserved and his continued success is assured.

**THOMAS MACKIN'S,** Wine and Beer Saloon, For Choice Wines, Liquors and Fine Cigars.—The subject of this sketch came to this locality in 1888 and may be justly classed among the pioneer settlers of this portion of the Empire state of the west. His congenial disposition eminently fits him in the conduct of a well regulated wine and beer saloon in which business he has been engaged for over thirty years. He has occupied his present stand fourteen years and owns the premises besides other resident property in the village. In the conduct of his business Mr. Mackin pays studied attention to the quality of his stock, handling and dispensing only the very best wines, liquors and cigars. Mr. Mackin was one of the first members of the village council under the original charter.

**RICHLAND HOTEL,** Opposite E. Tiedmann Grocer Co.—Hotel facilities of a superior order are to be found in O'Fallon and a conspicuous representative of this class of public institutions is the Richland Hotel owned and conducted by Mr. John Anstedt who opened for business at his present quarters March 1893. The place has always been known as the Richland House, but had not acquired popularity until Mr. Anstedt assumed its management. For a period of four years he had run the O'Fallon House prior to purchasing his present eligible business stand, which he has completely renovated and refurnished. Accommodation for one hundred guests with well lighted and ventilated rooms are here available. Mr. Anstedt gives his personal attention to the management assisted by his son-in-law Mr. Wm. Quinn. Mr. Anstedt was born and raised on a farm in the vicinity of this thriving village and has always been held in high estimation among his neighbors and friends.

**JULIUS A. SCHALTER,** Shaving and Hair Cutting Parlor.—The genial artist, Julius A. Schalter was born and raised in O'Fallon. Prior to engaging in the business at this point he practiced the art at Belleville, Ill. His establishment is conveniently equipped, four chairs are at the disposal of visitors who can receive the cleanest shave and most fashionable hair cut from polite and expert operators, the work being executed with despatch, Mr. Schalter presiding at the chairs with his three assistants. He is a popular young citizen of the village whose talent and energy have so favorably impressed his fellow townsmen that they elected him to the position of village clerk in 1890, 1890, 1891 and 1893. Mr. Schalter is an active member of the I. O. O. F. By frugality and business foresight he has amassed considerable village property and contemplates building a home for himself and family in the near future.

**ST. CLAIR HOTEL,** Henry Bernhardt, Proprietor.—This popular house was opened some fifteen years ago by Mr. Michael Bernhardt father of the present proprietor. Prior to the advent of the Bernhardts in O'Fallon they were engaged in the same business at St. Jacobs, St. Clair County, Ill., where Mr. Henry Bernhardt was born and raised. He is a young and enterprising man, recognized among his friends and patrons as eminently adapted in the conduct of his present business occupation, being affable and congenial. The "St. Clair" is located convenient to the railroad station, has twelve elegantly furnished and equipped guest rooms and a well stocked saloon where choice liquors are dispensed. Mr. Bernhardt gives his personal attention to the business so as to insure the best satisfaction to his patrons. The house has always controlled a liberal patronage from the traveling public as well as from the local industrial classes, and is a favorite resort of the younger element in social and business circles of O'Fallon and vicinity. The building has a frontage of 70 ft. and is three stories high, well lighted and ventilated. In short it is a most agreeable place to stop and the liberal patronage it enjoys is well deserved and always appreciated.

**Wm. LEHMAN,** Barber.—A gentleman whose skill is attested by a large patronage from the citizens of O'Fallon is a native of Terre Haute, Indiana. He has been a resident of the village twenty-two years and in his present occupation for the past eight years. He was elected a member of the village council April 17th, 1894, to serve two years, in further proof of his popularity as a citizen of ability and worth. Mr. Lehman's tonsorial parlor is said to be the finest in the town, and as to service, the writer begs leave to express the highest gratification from personal experience. Mr. Lehman has one assistant; promptness being the rule of his establishment. He is an active member of the K. of P. and the order of Modern Woodmen; of the latter organization he is a charter member and has been clerk for two years.

**C. H. DARROW,**—Was born within a mile and a half of O'Fallon on a farm and followed this pursuit till he established himself in business here in 1875, dealing in farm machinery; in 1880 he added insurance and in 1882 a tin and sheet iron shop. His grandfather was Zeadock Darrow, who settled here in 1826. He was a farmer and a cabinet maker by trade. Mr. Darrow is the present Mayor of O'Fallon.

**W. N. HAMILTON,** Local Agent B. & O. S. W. R.—Mr. Hamilton is a young man of sound judgement and ability. He was appointed to his present position April 14th, 1893, but was formerly in the company's service for three years connected with the train dispatcher's office at Flora, Ill. His railroad experience covers a period of ten years. Since his appointment to the position he has become a resident of O'Fallon and it may be said to his credit that through his management, notwithstanding sharp competition the B. & O. S. W. has the largest share of the business both passenger and freight traffic.

## LEBANON.

This beautiful little city is located on the main line of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railway, twenty-two miles east of St. Louis in the heart of the most fertile agricultural and coal region of the west. It stands gracefully on a hill and commands a fine view of the surrounding country. The city is neatly laid out and contains many fine residences and public buildings. The streets are broad with good sidewalks and well shaded.

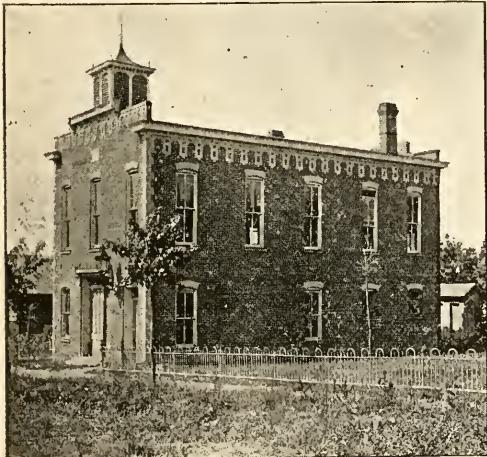
The ground upon which the original town site was laid out was owned by Mr. Henry White and entered by him September 24th 1814. The first home was erected by Gillis Maddeaux. It was constructed of logs and situated in the southeastern part of the town but has long since disappeared. Among the original settlers the names of Joseph Aiken, Joseph Hathaway, Thomas Ray, Nathan Horner and others appear on the roll of honor. The first store was established as early as 1818 by Governor Kinny and kept by his nephew Abraham in Kinny; others followed in quick succession and in 1820 the hotel "Veranda" was erected by Governor

In, R. F. Cunningham, James Radon and Thomas Jordan. A city was organized under the general law, August 18, 1854 and the following municipal officers elected: H. H. Horner, Mayor; Louis Zenveck, Clerk, D. R. Lasley, treasurer; J. F. Webb, attorney; A. Pyle, street commissioner and city marshal. The council is composed of nine aldermen, three elected from each of the three wards. The present city officers are: Edwin L. Robinson, mayor; Cicero L. Robinson, Clerk; John Swaers, treasurer; W. J. Clucas, attorney; Wm. Riddle, sexton.

The city has a fine public school building with spacious grounds attached. Other educational facilities of a private character also exist, notably the McKendree College which is mentioned in a special article and which constitutes the important feature of the city's prosperity and attractiveness.

There are eight churches in the city all neat and comfortable buildings.—Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopal, Free Methodist, German Methodist, Colored Methodist, German Lutheran, Baptist and Roman Catholic, the latter a fine brick edifice.

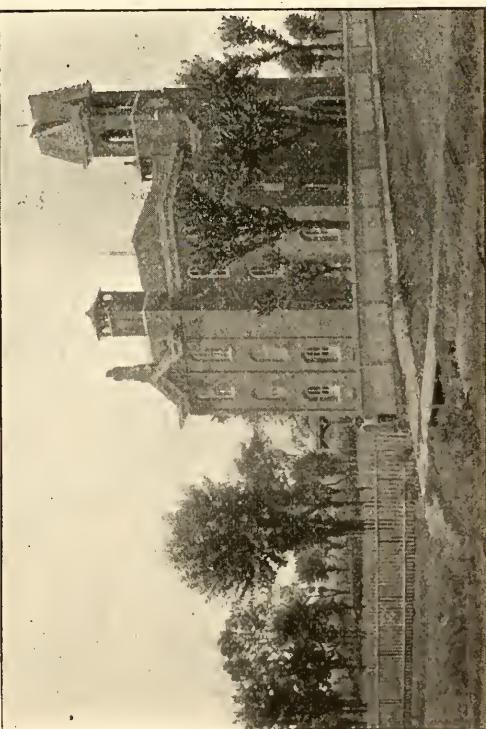
The manufacturing and mercantile industries are mentioned in a series of special notices following this historical sketch.



City Hall, Lebanon.

Kinny, which is still standing and forms a part of the present Bishop House. It was a two story and basement brick and in those early days was considered a handsome building. Lebanon then became a stage station on the line of the Vincennes and St. Louis stage route. The first farm house was put up in 1821 by Col. E. B. Clempson and now forms a part of Judge H. H. Horner's residence on the public square. The town was laid out by Gov. Wm. Kinny and Thomas Ray and platted by Aaron Reed, Jr., and filed in the office of the County Recorder July 27-1825. Since then there have been twenty-one additions made to the original plat and the town began to assume commercial importance from year to year.

Lebanon was incorporated as a town, under special charter in May, 1857. The first officers were: Joseph Hypes, president; Charles Blanck, register; Samuel Hypes, treasurer; H. H. Horner, assessor; Adam H. Wise, constable; J. L. Sargent, street inspector. The town trustees, were: Hugo Wange-

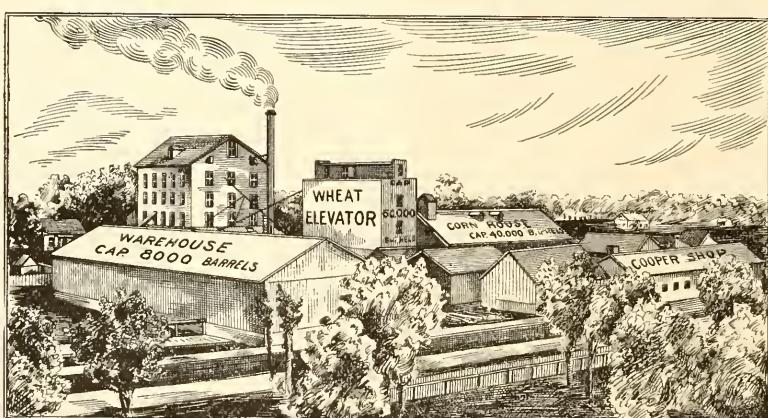


Lebanon School.

The population numbers about 2500, made up largely of Americans and Germans who combine in



A LEBANON RESIDENCE.



PFEFFER'S MILL.

their character habits of industry, intelligence and commercial thrift.

A mineral spring located in the west end of the town is destined to attract attention in the near future by reason of its pronounced remedial properties; experts and physicians express the opinion that it is equal to some of the best mineral springs of Europe and America. It is found to contain sub-carbonate of iron, carbonate of lithia, bicarbonate of potassium, chloride of sodium, sulphate of calcium, silica, aluminum and carbonic acid gas all of which exist in healthful proportions the water being as clear as crystal and absolutely free from animal organisms.

The town is provided with several comfortable hotels, lodge rooms and a singers' hall.

The city hall and fire station occupy a substantial brick building appropriately equipped.

The Lebanon "Journal," published by Mr. William L. Jones is a weekly newspaper and is the only one in the city. The Journal was established in 1867, by H. H. Simmons who conducted it until 1873, when it was sold and after passing through various changes of proprietorship it became the property of Prof. Oliver V. Jones about thirteen years ago. At the death of Prof. Oliver V. Jones in 1885, his son the present incumbent took control.

#### MCKENDREE COLLEGE.

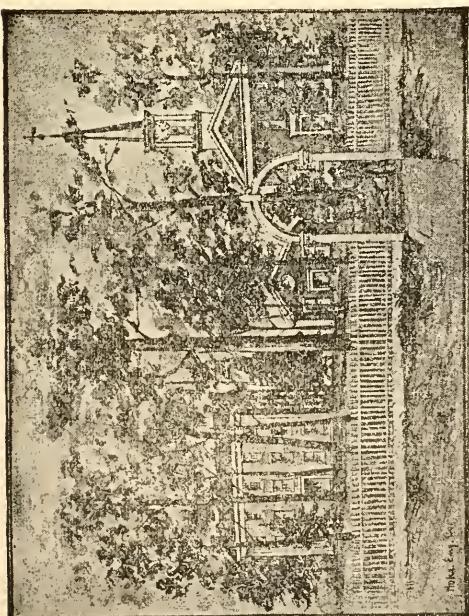
One going east on any of the railroads leading out of St. Louis, after having passed the low lands adjacent to the river, cannot fail to be pleased with the view of the country through which he is borne. The landscape is diversified by hill and valley, both giving evidence of fertility. Many beautiful spots will attract his attention, but none more slightly than the knoll on which the little city of Lebanon is located, on the line of the Ohio & Mississippi railroad, twenty-two miles from St. Louis—and the most beautiful spot in Lebanon is the hill where stands McKendree College. Nature seems to have passed herself in forming this and crowning it with trees. No doubt the Divine mind contemplated the use to which it should be dedicated, and when the proper time came for it to be set apart, it

foundation of a great educational work. About the year 1824 it became the policy of the M. E. Church to found an institution of learning within bounds of every annual conference. A number of the citizens of the little village of Lebanon, imbued with the spirit of Methodism, among them the Chamberlins and Hypses—names yet familiar in the community—were ready when the Illinois conference in 1827 determined to establish a College, to secure its location in their midst. How richly have they and their descendants been rewarded in the influence of this school upon their lives? The College was established in 1828, and two years later Bishop McKendree assured its permanency by a gift of lands, and the college assumed his name and stands to-day as a monument to his memory that shall be more enduring than brass or marble. E. R. Ames, in after years advanced to the office of a bishop of the M. E. Church, was first in charge of the school. The first charter was obtained in 1834, and five years later a new charter was granted, investing the institution with the powers of a university. Rev. Peter Akers D. D., was chosen president shortly after the first charter was granted, and men of similar mould and character have usually filled this important position since. In the roll of its honored presidents appear the names of men widely known not only for their learning but for their prominence in the church.

JOHN WALLACE, Livery, Boarding and Sale Stables, Depot Street Near St. Louis Street.—Mr. Wallace is a son of the Emerald Isle and on American soil for nearly half a century and in this city for the past twelve years. His establishment is the only survival of the fittest in its line in Lebanon. He has a stud of 25 fine horses and runs a hack line to the railroad depots.—Commercial men receive considerate attention in being provided with rigs on call at very reasonable rates. Mr. Wallace owns a fine pasture and grain farm (145 acres) within one and a half miles of the city. He has an interesting family of children; his three sons assist him in the stables. His daughter, a young married lady has gone to Europe on a visit to her ancestral home. Mr. Wallace is popular among all classes and his large measure of success is due to care and honorable methods in the conduct of his business.

HENRY H. HORNER, Attorney at Law.—Among the many interesting social features of the city of Lebanon, it is gratifying to note the fact that some of the most eminent professional men of this part of the state were born here. In this connection special mention may be made of Judge Henry H. Horner, who at the age of seventy-three years is still a leading light at the bar. His father, a native of Baltimore, Md., was a pioneer merchant of the town nearly a century ago. Judge Horner was among the first graduates of McKendree College, class of 1841. Subsequently he was admitted to the bar and has continued uninterruptedly the practice of law ever since. He was at the head of the law department of McKendree College some years after the death of ex-Governor French. He is possessed of large property interests within the city limits, and owns considerable farming lands outside. His office and residence for nearly half a century have been located on the north side of the public square, N. E. corner Madison and St. Louis streets. Mr. Horner has always taken an active interest in the promotion of the city. At his advanced age he sustains a well preserved physical constitution and vigorous mental powers. He is respected and esteemed by all classes of the community, and is most favorably recognized throughout the state as a public spirited citizen and an honorable professional man.

H. SEITER & CO., Bankers.—The name of Henry Seiter is well known as one of Illinois most successful financiers. His associate in business, Mr. J. D. Baker is the warden of the Penitentiary at Chester. The bank was founded in 1873 and has stood the several money panics since then without the slightest sign of weakness. They do a general banking business and extend to customers every possible facility consistent with safe banking. A branch bank is maintained at O'Fallon, which is in charge of Mr. C. L. Robinson. Mr. Seiter owns much property in Lebanon and is the chief shareholder of the Illinois Farm Co., which cultivates 250 acres of grain lands in Madison Co. near Mitchell. Mr.



was in the hand and under the control of a generous heart that gladly gave it, and thus laid the

Seiter was born and raised here, was educated at McKendree and has ever been a prominent figure in the development and prosperity of Lebanon. He has been a member of the city council, of the legislature and eight years state senator; he was the democratic nominee for Lieut.-Governor in 1884. The Lebanon Dairy Co., an important local enterprise was founded Aug. 8th, 1883, and fostered by him. Its officers are Henry Seiter, president; Ed. L. Robinson, sec'y, and C. M. Robinson, expert. Its products are mainly fancy creamery butter, capacity 350 pounds daily, steam being the motive power. The butter has twice taken the premium at the St. Louis Fair. The farm four miles from Lebanon has 450 milch cows. A milk condenser has recently been added to the plant which in every way is scientifically perfect. The motto of the company is "You pay for what you get, but you get what you pay for." The butter is put up in packages to suit customers.

**G. HOFFMANN, Jeweler and Watchmaker.**—This landmark and the oldest jewelery house in Lebanon, was founded by the present proprietor some twenty years ago. Few enjoy as good a reputation for excellent work and unquestioned reliability as Mr. Hoffmann who came here from Memphis, Tenn., at an early age. He applied himself with energy to the acquisition of a thorough mastery of this art industry. The premises occupied for business and residence purposes are owned by himself. The store is stocked with a large and select stock of



fine watches, clocks, jewelry, silver and plated wares, musical instruments, etc., every article sold being guaranteed. A specialty is made of repairing fine watches and jewelry, and in this department Mr. Hoffmann has the most complete equipment and by his perfect knowledge persons dealing here can depend upon his work, reasonable prices being charged. Mr. Hoffman takes an active interest in the commercial progress and prosperity of the city of his adoption and is recognized and appreciated by the people of Lebanon accordingly.

**JULIUS HOFFMANN, Manufacturer of Fine Cigars.**—Lebanon has several representatives in this important branch of manufacture but none hold a higher or more enviable position with the trade and consumer than Mr. Julius Hoffmann, whose enterprise was founded some twenty-eight years ago at the present stand. He learnt the trade in Louisville, Ky., and for many years worked at the bench. He uses the best leaf and smokers are enthusiastic over the merits of the Hoffmann brands of cigars. Strangers coming to Lebanon never fail to find them. Mr. Hoffman was born in Bohemia and raised in America. He was a member of the council and school board. His successful business career has enabled him to acquire considerable property in fine residences and residential lots

within the city limits. He is an active member of the I. O. O. F. and Independent Order Mutual Aid. His special brands are: Grand Royal, In demand, Special, Bouquet and Dats Boss.

**W. A. BREWER, General Blacksmithing, Main Street.**—There is no branch of industry of more importance than that in which the practical blacksmith is engaged and it is with feeling of pride that we can make mention of Mr. W. A. Brewer who established some three years ago. The business embraces general blacksmithing, carriage, buggy and wagon repairing, carriage trimming and painting. Mr. Brewer's specialty is in scientific horseshoeing and in this department of the business he excels. He has made a study of the horse's foot and in the treatment of lame and interfering horses his success has obtained for him an enviable reputation among the owners of fine race and carriage horses. Mr. Brewer is a young man and prides himself upon the high class custom he controls in Lebanon and vicinity. He is from the state of New York and has been a resident of this city about twenty years, nineteen of which he has been engaged in the business. He was in the employ of J. H. Lehman fourteen years. He is a member of the order of Independent Woodmen.

**C. & H. REINHARDT, Merchant Tailors.** This reputable house was founded in 1856 by Mr. C. Reinhardt, father of the present proprietors, Messrs. C. & H. Reinhardt who were trained to the business from early youth. The father is a German by birth and came to America early in the fifties; after spending some time in business in St. Louis he came to this place to inaugurate the enterprise that has been so successfully conducted by him and in turn by his sons who succeeded him in 1885. The father's advancing years demanding a less active occupation, he is now in the adjoining building on the west in ready-made clothing and gents' furnishings. The Messrs. C. & H. Reinhardt are adepts in their line and the tailor's art has no more able exponents. Their store is neat and conveniently fitted up, all the surroundings being in keeping with the character of the business, and the display made of fine suittings, trouserings, cloths, cassimeres, etc., of the latest and most fashionable designs of European and American production is superior in every respect. They are both practical cutters, only the very best materials are used, and none but deft and experienced operators are employed. Orders are filled promptly and at low prices. The trade is obtained from among the best class of citizens in the city and adjacent towns. The brothers are active members of the I. O. O. F. and own their residences.

**S. PEACH, Fashionable Millinery, Fancy Work**—The most popular establishment in Lebanon devoted to the millinery business is that of Mr. S. Peach. The business had its inception six years ago through Mrs. E. Souter who died over three years ago leaving her two daughters to succeed her. One of the sisters married Mr. Peach and as a consequence he became interested in the business about one year and a half ago. Since Mr. Peach's connection with the enterprise it bids fair to continue to increase its sphere of usefulness. The stock carried comprises fashionable millinery and ladies' furnishing goods selected from the latest and most recherche designs. Fancy work of every description is also done and the sales parlor and reception room are fitted up tastefully. The location is central being the ground floor 20x40 feet in area in Wall's street building. Mr. Peach is a native of O'Fallon but has been a resident of Lebanon and vicinity for the past twelve years. He is an active young merchant, who is earnest and persistent in his efforts to succeed. His consort and associate in the business is a lady of taste and highly skilled in the art of designing. They are both esteemed in social and business circles of Lebanon and their continued prosperity is assured.

**CHARLES T. WISE, Dealer in Hardware, Stoves and Tinware, Farm Machinery, Woodenware, Paints and Oils, Guttering and Repairing.**—The subject of this sketch Charles T. Wise established himself in business here some eight years ago in a modest way and with limited means. Through care, intelligent management and the exercise of honorable business methods he is today the possessor of a very handsome and well stocked store

and the owner of the premises. He was formerly in the employ of Atwood & Chamberlin of this city and was always recognized as a young man of progressive tendencies as the sequel has shown. His store is located in the business centre on St. Louis street and a model of its kind in all respects; a fine display of goods and conveniently arranged. One experienced assistant is employed, Mr. J. H. Cook a retired farmer of the vicinity who is very popular. Mr. Wise is an active member of the I. O. O. F. and is favorably recognized in social as well as in business circles of this section of the state.

**I. SLOEY, M. D.**—The physician and especially the old practitioner in the medical profession is an important element in social economy. Dr. I. Sloey who established his office here January 1892, had previously practised medicine, first, twelve years in Glasgow, Monroe county Ill., then, eleven years at Prairie de Rocher, Randolph county Ill. and then three years at East St. Louis, finally locating here as already noted. Dr. Sloey's preliminary training for the profession was obtained at the St. Louis Medical College. He subsequently graduated from the Missouri Medical College. He was born at Mifflin St. Clair county and raised in Monroe county Illinois. Being left an orphan at an early age and among strangers who treated him with indifference, at the age of fifteen years he resolved to shift for himself and accordingly he severed his connection with his so called protectors and faced the world alone choosing a guardian on his own responsibility. Possessed of courage and intelligent design he succeeded and is now a leading representative of the profession in Southern Illinois and a respected citizen of Lebanon.

**E. LAUBNER & CO.**, Confectionery and Bakery.—This enterprising firm has been catering to the wants of the citizens of Lebanon for the past ten years and supplying them with table delicacies in the line of fine confections, ice cream and cake as well as a superior quality of home made bread. Toys and novelties are also dealt in and a soda fountain is a special feature. Mrs. Laubner is from Hesse Darmstadt and has been on American soil forty-four years. She employs four experienced bakers and utilized a delivery wagon, the baking capacity being upwards of five hundred loaves of bread daily. A cozy ice cream parlor is maintained, which is the resort of elite of Lebanon. August Kassebaum a relative by marriage from Belleville is the partner in the business. He is a gentleman of experience and possessed of more than ordinary ability.

**M. RETHMANN**, Brewer.—This enterprise was started five years ago by its present proprietor a German by birth, but in America about sixteen years. Mr. Rethmann spent some time in St. Louis prior to his advent here. His present undertaking was somewhat hazardous in view of his close proximity to St. Louis and Belleville. But nevertheless it is gratifying to note that Mr. Rethmann had the courage of his convictions and the sequel has shown the wisdom of his judgement and business foresight. The plant has a capacity of forty barrels per day, the lager finding a ready market in Lebanon and Summerville. The business has prospered and it is the design of this house to eventually meet every demand made upon it. Mr. Rethmann utilizes the best modern devices and machinery including a La Vergne ice machine, two tons per diem and gives his personal attention to details. He is popular with the trade and is an active member of the Lebanon singing society.

**LOUIS REINHARDT**, General Merchandise, St. Louis street.—Among the enterprising business houses of Lebanon, special mention is due the General Merchandise establishment of Mr. Louis Reinhardt, who opened his store some six years ago, and has conducted it with vigor and energy ever since. He carries very complete lines of dry goods and notions, staple and fancy groceries and household necessities, all sold at prices that defy competition. Mr. Reinhardt's experience in the dry goods line was obtained in the wholesale dry goods house of Rice-Stix & Co., of St. Louis, Mo. In the prosecution of his business he utilizes a delivery wagon and solicits, thereby saving his customers much time and trouble in obtaining daily supplies. He is popular with his patrons who have implicit

confidence in him, and as a consequence his relations with them are of the most cordial nature. Mr. Reinhardt was born and raised here. His success is largely due to that fact. Mr. J. D. North, a gentleman from Carbondale, Ill., who was there engaged in the same business, assists him. The patrons of this house may be congratulated upon the assurance of getting value received at Mr. Reinhardt's counters. Fruits and vegetables are carried in stock and are received in fresh consignments daily during their seasons.

**Wm. J. CLUCAS**, Lawyer.—Referring to the professional men of Lebanon, it is with pleasure that we make mention of Mr. Wm. J. Clucas, attorney at law. This gentleman was born near the city of Douglas, on the historic Isle of Man, but has been on American soil upwards of forty years. He was graduated at the law department of McKendree College (Lebanon, Ill.) June 1885, and entered upon the practice of his profession in 1886. He has held the position of Justice of the Peace and that of Postmaster of Lebanon, and is now the city attorney. Mr. Clucas' specialties embrace the negotiation of loans, collections, conveyancing, etc. He is the attorney for the Phoenix Insurance Co. of Brooklyn, N. Y., for St. Clair County, and represents the Wilbur Mercantile agency at this point. He has for 25 years been associated with the press of his county, and in 1892 was local editor of the Belleville News-Democrat, and is now the resident correspondent of the St. Louis Republic. Mr. Clucas has the reputation of being a conscientious attorney, reliable in his business transactions and a public spirited citizen.

**PHILIP TRABAND**, Meat and Vegetable Market.—This enterprising gentleman inaugurated his present business in March of the present year; he is a cigar manufacturer by trade. He supplies fresh meats and vegetables to the people of Lebanon, and so well does he provide these important food products his custom has increased beyond expectations. His shop is a model of neatness, supplied with cold storage, etc. Mr. Traband gives his personal attention to the business, employing a delivery wagon and one assistant. He has been a resident off and on for about twenty years. He is a K. of P. and a member of the International Union of American Cigar Makers. He was elected Police Justice against his will and consequently declined the office as he could not properly administer its duties and run his business. He is one of four brothers who are all engaged in lucrative business enterprises here.

**BLANCK & CHAMBERLIN**, Dealers in General Merchandise.—When it is considered that most people who purchase groceries and other commodities have to depend upon the statements of those with whom they deal, the advantages of patronizing men of long experience in the business will readily be perceived. Among such we desire to make mention of Messrs. Blanck & Chamberlin who have been associated in business here for the past six years. Mr. Blanck had conducted the business twenty-two years prior to the co-partnership referred to above. Their premises are centrally located on St. Louis Street and have dimensions 25x50 feet, this being the model store in its line in Lebanon. Mr. Blanck is a German by birth but has been in Lebanon forty-seven years. He is Township treasurer and an active member of the I. O. O. F. Mr. Chamberlin was born and raised here. He is treasurer of McKendree College and a member of its Executive Board. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and has been a member of the Board of Education and of the city Council.

**ED. C. MUELLER**, Harness.—This enterprising manufacturer inaugurated his business at Hecker Post Office Monroe Co., Ill. After learning his trade at Mifflin St. Clair Co., he came here in 1881, expressly to embark in his present occupation, employing two expert workmen, and turning out a class of work that is not excelled for quality of material, high finish and durability. Mr. Mueller's specialty consists in the manufacture of harness and saddles and dealing in all kinds of horse furnishing goods, the 5-6 horse blankets being the strongest and are carried in all shades and sizes at prices to suit buyer. Mr. Mueller was born and raised two miles south of Mifflin, and has always displayed a high degree of energy and enterprises

He uses the celebrated Mooney hand stuffed pure oak harness leather exclusively in the production of his finest work.

**DR. J. TABOR DOREY, Physician & Surgeon**—The profession of medicine has several worthy representatives in Lebanon among whom we take pleasure in making mention of Doctor J. Tabor Dorey who established himself in practice in March 1891. Doctor Dorey is a graduate of the Memphis Medical College and of the Missouri Medical at St. Louis. He attended hospital clinical lectures at Memphis and is high authority in the treatment of Yellow Fever and epidemic diseases generally. He was born and raised at Shioch, St. Clair county Illinois and commenced the study of medicine at the age of sixteen years; at eighteen he entered the School



of Mines at Rolla Mo. designing to prepare himself for the profession of Mining Engineer and engaged in it for a time, but his predilection for medicine induced him to adopt his present avocation in which he has achieved a high reputation. He has practised in the states of Louisiana, Tennessee, Illinois and Missouri. He is a member of the St. Clair county Medical Association and of the Tri-State Medical Society of Memphis. Doctor Dorey is a Knight Templar and Royal Arch Mason and is a respected member of the medical profession and a citizen worthy of Lebanon. Dr. Dorey has had two uncles who were conspicuous members of the profession in their day in this city.

**W. W. EDWARDS**.—The subject of this sketch, Professor W. W. Edwards was born at Pinkneyville Illinois, March 3, 1853. He was educated at McKendree College, which institution he entered in 1869 and pursued his studies until his graduation in 1873 with the degree of A. B., and honorable mention. He subsequently studied law and engaged in the practice of that profession until 1883 when he entered the university as a member of the Southern Conference, M. E. church. In 1885 he was appointed to the chair of Latin in McKendree College and in 1889, he became Dean of the Law School. In 1890 he received the degree of A. M. and in 1891, that of L. L. B. In the above resume, we present to our readers a record of the leading events and experience, of the student, the scholar and the refined gentleman. Professor Edwards is, in the strictest sense of the expression, a practical scholar, and a proficient teacher, supplemented by a most amiable disposition. As an exponent of morals as a part of our educational systems he has ever labored with zeal. He is popular among all classes



of the community and is daily referred to by the bar as authority on law. He is secretary of the college faculty.

**EDWIN L. ROBINSON, Mayor of Lebanon**.—Edwin L. Robinson, who was elected to this executive office April 18th, 1893, to serve two years, has been connected with the banking business nine years, a position, that of cashier and confidential clerk, he now fills in the banking house of H. Seiter & Co. He is a stock holder in and secretary of the Lebanon Dairy & Creamery Co. Mr. Robinson was born at Chanderville, Cass County, Ill., and has been a



resident of Lebanon upwards of twenty years. Always closely identified with the progress and material development of his adopted city, the honor conferred upon him by the people of this municipality is justly due, and the confidence reposed in their chief executive will be amply rewarded in the light of coming events, when the charming city of Lebanon will assume a more graceful metropolitan attire, and take a leading position among the communities of the empire state of the west.

**PFEFFER MILLING COMPANY,** Dealers in Grain and Lumber; Manufacturers of "Patent," "Straight," "Sunset" Grades of Flour.—The enormous grain producing industry of Southern Illinois has brought into requisition some of the best equipped milling facilities in the United States. Conspicuous among these is the Pfeffer Milling Co. which had its inception in 1856, subsequently passed under assignment into the hands of Fred Arft, who held it for speculative purposes only, and from whom it was purchased in 1889 by Mr. C. J. Pfeffer. Two months after taking possession Mr. Pfeffer formed a joint stock company under the Illinois state laws with ample paid up capital, the corporate name being Pfeffer Milling Company officered as follows: L. L. Pfeffer, president; E. S. Pfeffer, vice-president and C. J. Pfeffer, secretary and treasurer all gentlemen of experience and adaptability in this important line of industry. They are from Portsmouth Ohio, but have resided in Lebanon upwards of twenty years. This company manufactures a superior quality of flour distinguished by the graded brands, "Lebanon Belle," "Lebanon Jewel," "Patent," "Straight" and "Sunset," Pearl Meal, grits and hominy. The capacity of the mill 500 barrels per diem. The plant covers an acre in area and comprises the mill proper, an elevator, capacity 5000 bushels, corn crib, capacity, 50000 bushels; flour ware house storage, capacity, 10000 barrels, a lumber yard, twelve lumber sheds and cooper shop and for shipping purposes two railroad switches are available. The mill has been recently overhauled and new machinery introduced. A St. Louis Corliss engine and boilers 500 h. p. have been placed in position and twenty-eight pair rolls are operated. The company's trade extends to the east and south-east and a very large export business is done. The recent improvements and additions were made to meet the requirements of a rapidly expanding business. Mr. C. J. Pfeffer is a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellow's orders; Mr. L. L. Pfeffer is also an Odd Fellow. Their enterprise is a factor in the commercial development of the city of Lebanon and its future is full of promise.

**C. H. SAGER,** Dealer in Hardware, Stoves & Tinware, Slate & Tin Shingle Roofing. Also Tin Roofing and Spouting; Implements.—It is very safe to state in reference to the subject of this sketch that among the old well-known business houses of this city none are more popular than that of Mr. C. H. Sager located in Post Office block on St. Louis Street. This enterprise was established as far back as 1858 and has continued uninterruptedly under the same proprietorship and management ever since. It is the oldest house and carries the most complete stock of any in its line of trade in the city. The premises occupied are spacious, conveniently arranged and filled to repletion with a highly select and diversified stock of goods and wares, including hardware, stoves, slate and tin roofing, a specialty being made of tin roofing and spouting, agricultural implements and repairing. From four to six workmen are kept busy attending to the wants of the patrons of this house, the principal giving his personal attention to details so as to insure the highest satisfaction. Mr. Sager is from Lancaster, Ohio and his long residence here has been the means of identifying him with the commercial development of Lebanon and the welfare of its people. He is a public spirited citizen and popular among all classes of the community.

**M. J. GOINGS,** Groceries and Vegetables.—The dealing in groceries and other food products is an industry that occupies the attention of no inconsiderable portion of the mercantile community. A strictly reliable house in this line is that of Mr. M.

J. Goings who associated with Mr. H. Large established business here some six months ago. Mr. Large withdrew from the firm July 1st of the present year and Mr. Goings continues the business alone. He carries a very complete and carefully selected stock of staple and fancy groceries, embracing canned goods, table delicacies, condiments, choice creamy butter, standard flour, fine teas and coffees, etc., also fresh vegetables daily. The premises are eligibly situated on St. Louis St., in dimension 25x100 feet and a delivery wagon is utilized. Mr. Goings is a Kentuckian by birth, a member of the I. O. O. F. and has been a resident of Lebanon four years. He is a progressive citizen and was formerly president of the United Mine Workers of Illinois.

**WILLIAM L. JONES.**—Descends from one of the pioneer families of St. Clair County, where his entire life has been spent in usefulness. Born in Lebanon June 7th, 1859, he received his preliminary education at the public schools and graduated from McKendree College in 1879. Two years later his father, Oliver V. Jones, purchased the plant of the Lebanon Journal, at which time our subject embarked in the printing business and soon became a practical printer as well as a manager of a country newspaper. In 1882 Mr. Jones became a member of the Southern Illinois Press Association. In 1887 he joined the Illinois Press Association and served as delegate to the convention of the National Edi-



torial Association at Detroit in 1889; Boston, 1890; St. Paul, 1891; San Francisco, 1892, and Asbury Park N. J. 1894. His services as president of the Southern Illinois Press Association, to which position he was elected in 1891, has resulted in the advancement of the interests of that society in a marked degree. For upwards of thirteen years Mr. Jones has been proprietor of the Lebanon Journal, one of the wide awake newspapers of the country. During 1890 he was a member of the party of Illinois editors who went to the city of Mexico. He has also traveled extensively elsewhere. He is correspondent of the Illinois State Natural History Society, and holds other positions of responsibility.

**JOHN H. LEHMAN.**—One of the oldest among the carriage works in Lebanon is that conducted by Mr. John H. Lehman on St. Louis street. The business was established some thirty-five years ago by Atwood and Black. Subsequently Mr. Atwood formed a co-partnership with Mr. Lehman and finally the latter became sole proprietor fourteen years ago. The business comprises the manufacture of carriages, farm and spring wagons and dealing in agricultural implements. Blacksmithing and repairing is also done and Mr. Lehman's equipment is in all respects first class for the execution of work in each department. His is the leading concern in this line in the city and the house is known far and wide for efficiency and reliability. Mr. Lehman hails from Wayne county Ohio. He was raised on a farm and he thoroughly understands the farmers' needs.

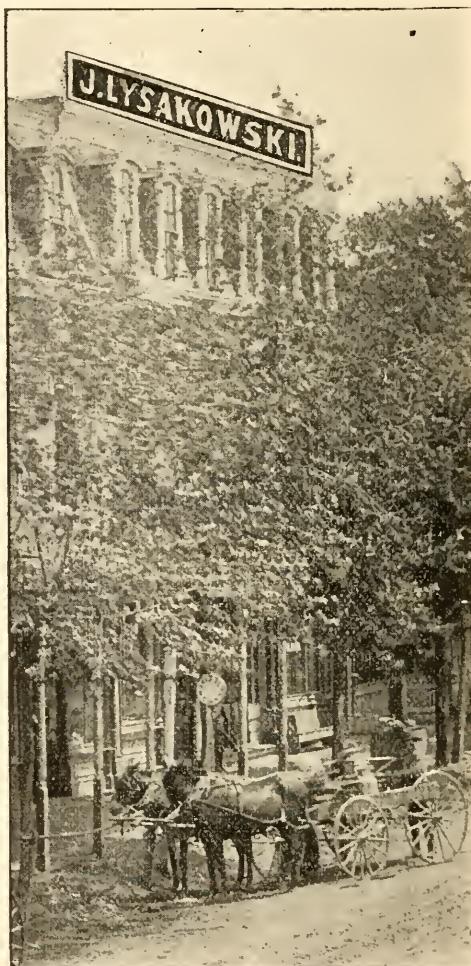
**J. ANDREWS, Wine and Beer Saloon.**—A popular resort in the business portion of the city is the well known old stand located on the corner of the Public Square and St. Louis street. The business came under the control of Mr. J. Andrews in 1891. He at once restocked the place with fine brands of wines and liquors and cigars. Mr. Andrews is a native of Lebanon. His experience is such as to warrant the statement that he is an adept at the business and thoroughly understands the requirements of his patrons and is always alive to their every want. He was formerly a miller by occupation. Mr. Andrews' place is cozy and comfortable and conducted with the strictest sense of propriety. Tables are provided for those who desire to indulge in billiard and pool or cards. Mr. Andrews occupies the whole building, two stories and basement, having his residence on the premises a safeguard against disorder. He presides at the bar in person and patrons of the house have the assurance of courteous treatment and being supplied with the best. Mr. Andrews is an Odd Fellow and a good fellow.

**Wm. MIDGLEY, Meat Market.**—Lebanon is in every way a unique little city. Among those engaged in supplying the citizens with meats and provisions, none are more enterprising than Mr. Wm. Midgley who established the business some twenty-one years ago. Mr. Midgley is an Englishman by birth and came here from Yorkshire, England, in 1845 and settled in Tennessee, coming here in 1851. He has an attractive place and the stock is renewed daily in the line of fresh meats, cured meats and choice cuts of all kinds. He also handles hogs and cattle for shipment. He has held the post of alderman several times and is well liked and is a valuable man for this community.

**HENRY M. BACHMAN, SR., Furniture, Carpets, Trunks, Etc., St. Louis Street.**—A progressive house in this section of the state is that of Mr. Henry M. Bachman, Sr. The business was inaugurated by Mr. Bachman in 1852 upon his arrival from the Fatherland. He has been in Lebanon since 1856 and his successful business career attests his knowledge in furniture, carpets, trunks and the undertaking of funerals. In the latter department a very complete equipment is available, a stock of elegant coffins, caskets and miscellaneous funeral goods is constantly carried and embalming is done. The premises comprise two stores having a frontage of 42 feet and a depth of 68 feet two story and mansard, the whole owned by Mr. Bachman besides other city property. Mr. Bachman is a member of the Lebanon singers society and is an active and public spirited citizen.

**BISHOP HOUSE.**—The city of Lebanon has her full quota of public resorts and one of the most noteworthy is the Bishop House, on the south side of the public square within a stones' throw of the railroad station. The building was erected fifty years ago as a private residence to which additions have been made. Ten years ago Mr. Silas Smith became owner, making various improvements, renovating and refurnishing, and has restored its former prestige. Twenty-eight guests' rooms, a fine large dining room, a cozy office and travelling men's sample room with verandas in the front and sides of the building are a few of the features of the Bishop House. The kitchen is presided over by the good lady of the house. The proprietor's daughter, Mrs. McKinney, superintends the dining room and taking it all in all a more homelike and comfortable place to abide is not found. Mr. Smith, the genial host, is a pioneer resident of these parts. He was born near the city of Nashville, Tenn., and raised in this state. He engaged in farming upon his arrival in this vicinity some 40 years ago, and was the owner of 500 acres of land which, through unfortunate speculation and endorsements he had to relinquish. In 1854 he made a trip overland to the far west in an effort to retrieve his fortune, taking a large drove of cattle; in this he failed to realize his anticipations. He is a man well advanced in years, but sustains a vigorous constitution. He has an interesting family of sons and daughters, most of whom are married and living in comfortable circumstances. Mr. Smith has held the position of treasurer of the joint board of McKendree College and is now town constable.

**J. J. LYSAKOWSKI, Jeweler and Watchmaker.**—There is always something attractive about a jeweler's store and this is especially so with regard to the handsomely appointed establishment of Mr. J. J. Lysakowski. The business was established six years ago. Mr. Lysakowski was born and raised in Lebanon and being ambitious to excel he visited Europe to perfect himself in his art. His success is the result of care, skill and energy, coupled with an earnest desire to please and to give value to his patrons. The stock carried comprises all the lead-



ing makes of America and imported watches in gold, silver and jeweled cases, diamond and other unset gems, etc. The jewelry embraces the new styles that have been made popular by the decrees of fashion. Mr. Lysakowski also deals in optical goods, does silver and gold plating, makes jewelry to order, repairs watches, jewelry, sewing machines and guns. He started business on no capital and now owns his place of residence.

**J. LUPTON, Photograph Studio, Crayon, Pastel and Oil Portraits; Copying & Enlarging.**—A representative artist of this section of the state, is Mr. J. Lupton whose studio is located in Lebanon. Mr. Lupton established himself here in portrait painting in 1872 and subsequently added photography to the business. Before that he had followed the

business in St. Louis. He has been a student of his profession since the age of fourteen years. He studied under the celebrated portrait artist, Charlie Sole of New York. Mr. Lupton has been a resident of Lebanon off and on since 1863, during the war he was in the government recruiting service and at one period since the war he engaged in the carriage business only to return to his first love, that of portrait painting in which he has achieved a well deserved success. He is now engaged on a state contract involving a large painting of old Kaskaskia which promises to be a master-piece of its kind. His daughter Miss Abbie E. Lupton has inherited her father's genius and has produced some fine specimens of the art divine, in landscape work and floral designs. She was appointed professor in charge of the art department at McKendree College which position she now holds. Mr. Lupton's studio is the most completely equipped in Southern Illinois, being provided with all modern photographic apparatus, easels, scenery, etc. Ten rooms are occupied, five of which are devoted to the business; side and sky lights and every other necessary conveniences are here available. Mr. Lupton has been alderman nineteen years continuously except interregnum of two years. He is an active member of the I. O. O. F., K. of H., Workmen and the I. O. M. A., in all of which he is a charter member.

**COMMERCIAL HOTEL,** E. A. Patterson, Proprietor, One Block West of the Post Office.—This house was first opened to the public some thirty years ago by a Mr. Williams and after several changes of proprietorship it came under the present management about two years ago. Mr. Patterson was formerly a hotel keeper at Nashville, Ill. He was likewise station agent and express agent at Boncoup in the vicinity of Nashville for twenty years. He has remodelled, renovated and returned the house throughout in handsome style so that in its conveniences and surroundings it is one of the most inviting hosteries in the city. The building is of brick, three stories and basement, has dimensions 36x80 feet. The halls are wide and the 20 guests' rooms are easy of access. The office, gentlemen's sitting and reading rooms, dining room, private and public parlors, traveling men's sampling rooms are all in keeping with the best metropolitan style. The sanitary condition of the house is perfect; nothing but what is of the very best is offered guests, and the rates are \$2.00. Mr. Patterson has a remarkably invigorating Mineral Spring, distant about one mile from his premises where he has already made such improvements that it will be a drawing card in the future. He is a Royal Arch Degree Mason and a member of the G. A. R., having served during the war in the 60th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He is a genial host and a true citizen.

## TRENTON.

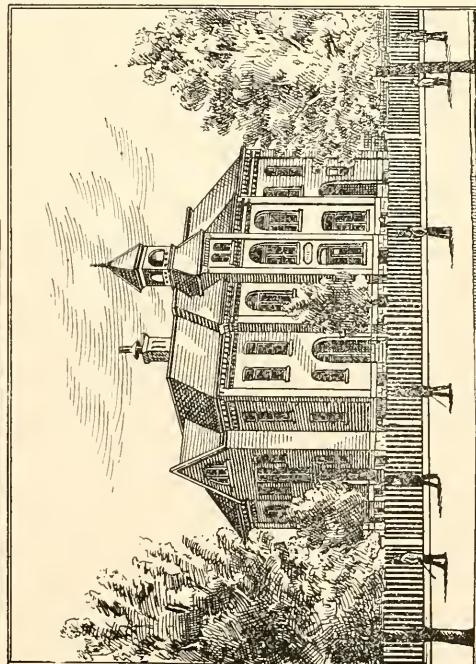
This thriving little city is the principal business point in the township of Sugar Creek, on the western border of Clinton County. It is distant thirty-one miles from the city of St. Louis on the line of the B. & O. S. W. R. R. It has a population of 1500 souls, mostly German and of German descent. Its schools and churches and various other institutions are well sustained, and are indicative of high intellectual development and a fair degree of refinement. The business men of Trenton are noted for their activity and enterprise.

The foundation of Trenton dates back to 1836,

when A. W. Casad laid out a town by that name.



City Hall.



Public School.

It was situated north of the state road and is known at the present day as Old Tremon. The resident portion of the present town is built on that old town site. The lots were sold in those early days, but the purchasers never built upon them or even paid for them, and this old town was abandoned. The present town was laid out May 14th, 1855, by Alva Lewis. William Lewis laid out an addition March 12th, 1856. Joseph Hanke's addition was laid out May 22nd of the same year. Sanger Kamp & Co. laid out an addition June 12th of the same year. Wm. Lewis' second addition was laid out June 11th 1860. Joseph Hanke's second addition was laid out July 2nd, 1856. Mathias Leonard and others laid out an addition May 26th, 1868. Thus the town assumed its present proportions and grew in wealth and commercial importance through the enterprise of the early settlers, and those who joined them subsequently.

The fertility of the soil adjacent to Trenton is inexhaustible, and produces the finest crops in the state. The farms are models of agricultural art and as a result the commercial interests of Trenton are enhanced. The vast coal deposits that underlie this fertile region also play an important part in the promotion of Trenton's commercial development. Coal mining was inaugurated in a systematic way in 1855 and a mine was in full operation in 1858. The proprietors were, Joseph Hanke, Wm. Schaeffer and John Buchter. Subsequently Mr. Hanke bought out his partners and operated the mine alone, and added largely to his mining facilities by sinking another shaft and otherwise increasing the out put capacity at an enormous cost. His interests were finally disposed of to the Consolidated Coal Company with headquarters in the city of St. Louis. This company has since opened up a new mine east of Trenton on the line of the B. & O. S. W. R. R., which is producing paying quantities of the finest coal on the market. The company employ from 300 to 500 men, most of whom are residents of Trenton, and as a class are above the average in education and intelligence.

A magnificent public school building graces the north side of the city. This is conducted in strict compliance with the admirable school laws of the State of Illinois, and is a powerful factor in shaping the character of the people.

There are four churches, representing the Methodist, Presbyterian, German Evangelical and Catholic denominations. These have all comfortable church edifices, large congregations and a healthy exchequer.

Among the secret and social organizations in good standing we number the following and their places of meeting also noted: A. F. and A. M. Trenton Lodge, No. 109, meets first and third Friday of the month, at Rieman's hall. I. O. O. F., Clinton Lodge, No. 555, meets every Tuesday evening, at Rieman's hall. K. of H. Aetna Lodge, No. 1530, meets the first and third Monday of the month at Rieman's Hall. A. O. G. F. Shiller Lodge, No. 1, meets the second and last Wednesday in the month at Rieman's hall. A. O. U. W. Trenton Lodge, No. 153, meets the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at Rieman's hall. G. A. R. Randall Post, No. 568; meets the Saturday on or before full moon at Rieman's hall. C. K. of A. St. George's Branch, No. 50, meets first Sunday at Trenton Catholic school house, and third Sunday at Aviston Catholic school house. C. K. of Ill., St. John Baptist Branch No. 8, meets the fourth Sunday of the month at the Catholic school house. U. O. T. B., Trenton Lodge, No. 69, meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at Louden's hall. M. W. A., Coral Camp, No. 1227, meets the second Monday of the month at Rieman's hall. The Trenton Turnverein have a substantial modern brick building in which the society meets for exercise and entertainments.

A fine grist mill owned by Mr. Joseph Hanke is located near the railroad station, also extensive tile works near the old coal mines formerly operated by Mr. Hanke are not at present in active operation. There are many other industries which are mentioned elsewhere in connection with the parties owning and managing them.

The streets of the city are broad and run at right angles, well paved and shaded with stately trees on either side. Many fine residences are seen on every hand, and an air of comfort and content prevails everywhere, suggestive evidence of a happy and prosperous people.

Trenton was chartered as a village February 16, 1865, and incorporated as a city September 20, 1887. Its political divisions comprise three wards, from each of which two aldermen are elected. The municipal officers comprise the Mayor, city clerk, city attorney, treasurer, police magistrate, city marshall and superintendent of streets, all elective officers.

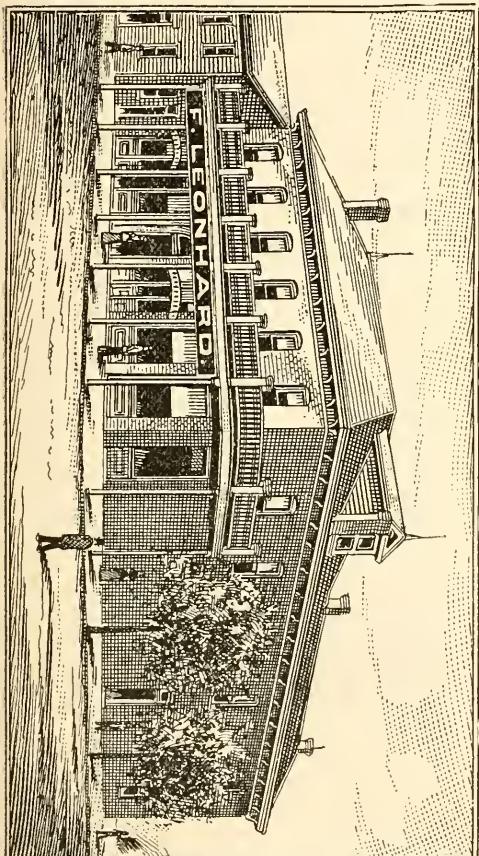
**TRENTON ELEVATOR CO.** North-west B. & O. Railroad Depot.—There is no industry of more importance to the grain producing regions and the milling interests than that of the grain elevator. The Trenton Elevator was formerly owned by Mr. Park McDonald, and was purchased by Messrs. Z. T. Remick and J. C. Eisenmayer, November 1889. These latter materially improved the elevator which has a capacity of 10000 bushels of grain daily. They are also dealers in all kinds of grain, flour, feed, etc. The practical ability of the gentlemen of this house is a sufficient guarantee to invite the attention of millers and grain dealers who desire to transact business with them through correspondence or in person. Mr. Z. T. Remick was born and raised in the vicinity of Trenton and is closely identified with the farmers. He is a police magistrate and active member of the School Board. His commercial and social standing are of the highest order both at home and abroad. Mr. J. C. Eisenmayer has been a resident of Trenton twenty-five years. He hails from Mascoutah, a son of Mr. A. J. Eisenmayer the noted miller of this section, now retired from active business. He is the managing proprietor of the Trenton Bank.

**L. M. KOENTZ,** Manufacturer of and Dealer in Stoves and Tin, Copper and Sheet-Iron Ware.—Among those who have established a wide reputation for skill and ability in the management of their business, special mention is due to Mr. Koentz who inaugurated his enterprise in 1884. He is a native of Belleville Ill., but has been a resident of Trenton since 1859. By trade he is a copper and tin smith and makes a leading specialty of guttering, spouting and roofing. He also carries a large stock of hardware, tinware, stoves and household necessities in queensware, crockery, lamps, etc. Mr. Koentz is connected with the firm of Koentz & Schaeffer, dealers in pumps and pump supplies. The premises occupied comprise two buildings having a frontage of fifty feet on Broadway and supplied with a complete equipment. Competent help is employed, Mr. Koentz giving his personal attention to all work turned out. Mr. Koentz has been president of the Turnverein six years and he is a member of the Illinois Fireman's Association. He is the Venerable Council, Modern Woodmen of America and the O. U. T. B. In the latter organization has held office, five years. He is an active member of the Board of Education and has been chief of the local Fire Department eight years and its secretary six years. These executive positions fully attest Mr. Koentz' ability and usefulness in public life as well as his eminent fitness in the conduct of business affairs.

**RIEMANN, KUHN & CO.,** Lumber Merchants, Contractors and Builders, North of B. O. & S. W. Railroad Station.—The substantial growth of the city of Trenton within the past decade has developed the lumber industry in a marked degree. In this connection we make reference to the reliable firm of Riemann, Kuhn and Co., who established business here in 1889. Their yards and sheds cover an area 140x200 feet the whole completely equipped and amply stocked with lumber, dressed and in the rough, also manufactured lumber of every description for building purposes in hard and soft woods. They are also contractors and builders, make plans and specifications and estimate on building. They carry from \$4000 to \$5000 worth of stock constantly and possess superior facilities for the execution of work. Mr. L. C. Riemann the senior of the firm was born and raised in Trenton and was trained under his father's guidance in the building industry. He is president of the School Board and assistant chief of the Volunteer Fire Department of Trenton. His associate, Mr. Jacob Kuhn Jr. is also a native of this city. This firm was awarded the contract for M. Ginzel's residence, John Benton's residence and others of like importance. This firm is held in

high favor in this section of the state and their success is due to care and skill in the conduct of their business and moderate charges, supplemented by honorable methods in their relations with patrons.

**BROADWAY STORE.** F. Leonhard. Proprietor. Dealer in Dry-good, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware and Guns. Corner of Broadway and Apple Street.—Prominent among the leading concerns in Trenton is the well known house of Mr. F. Leonhard. This house was originally founded by Peter Enig some thirty years ago but came into the possession of Mr. Leonhard ten years later and has been since conducted by him with that degree of care and business probity that bespeaks the successful and experienced merchant. The premises consist of a substantial two story brick building having a double frontage of fifty feet on Broad-



way and ninety feet on Apple street with separate entrances on each street. Mr. Leonhard employs five intelligent assistants giving his personal attention to all important details, so as to insure the highest satisfaction to his patrons. Mr. Leonhard has been a resident of the city forty years, coming here from his native place, Highland Ill., at the age of eleven years. He formerly ran a hotel and wine room, and for a period of two years was engaged in farming. He has been a member of the School Board and also served in the Town Board. He is a public spirited citizen and is exceedingly popular in the community. He is the owner of three fine farms containing 430 acres in the vicinity of Trenton to which he devotes much of his time and attention.

**BROCKHAN & GREER.** Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Rubber Goods and Gents' Furnishing Goods, Cor. Main and Broadway.—This enterprising house was established seven years ago by Mr. H. A. Brockhan who conducted it as a boot and shoe store until about one year ago he added to the business, clothing, hats and caps, rubber goods and gents' furnishings, and at the same time Mr. J. W. Greer was admitted to co-partnership. The lines of goods carried are purchased from first hands and comprise the best selections in all lines and for everybody. Mr. Brockhan is a practically experienced boot and shoe manufacturer who acquired his knowledge of the industry in Europe. He is a German by birth and education and is very thorough and reliable in his line. He landed on these shores in 1875. After spending some time in St. Louis, he undertook the occupation of farming. Then spent five years in Lebanon, Ill., before coming to this city. He is an alderman and president of the Trenton Volunteer Fire Department. Also a director of the Trenton Building and Loan Association, a very flourishing local enterprise. Mr. Greer was born and raised in Trenton and was formerly connected with the firm of Brooks Bros., St. Louis, where he remained one year and was subsequently employed by Schnyder & Hartley two years. The firm own the premises occupied for business and residence purposes. It is a substantial two story brick 50x85 feet in area located in the business center of the city on Main street and Broadway. This is one of the most progressive and reliable firms doing business in Trenton and their success is well deserved.

**M. GINZEL.** Dealer in General Merchandise.—There is no finer example of close application and upright business methods than that achieved by Mr. M. Ginzel whose business has increased one hundred fold since its establishment in 1870. The store is located on the N. W. corner Main street and Broadway. A warehouse annex is utilized for storage of reserve stock and flour. At the out set of his career he did business in a very modest way, but in 1880 he materially increased his facilities, particularly in the dry goods department when the Broadway wing was added to the main street building, the entire structure now forming a double frontage of 50 feet on Main street and 75 feet on Broadway, combining a floor space of about 5,000



square feet. A perfect system prevails in the departments which are entirely separate from each other except through an open arch way. Employment is given to six assistants and a delivery wagon. The trade of this house extends to the surrounding farming districts and has steadily increased in volume from year to year. Mr. Ginzel is possessor of considerable property, farming lands, city residential and business. He has been city treasurer and is now a leading member of the School Board. He is a Mason and an Odd Fellow. An influential

citizen and enterprising business man. This house is known by the designation of "The Star Store" and in name as well as in fact it is a star of the first magnitude.

**TRENTON BANK, J. C. Elsenmayer & Co.,** Broadway West of Main Street.—The well balanced and conservative management of her banks has been a most important factor in the prosperity and stability of Illinois. The Trenton Bank is an example in point. It was opened January 1st, 1890, by J. C. Elsenmayer. The bank utilized every modern system which tends in any way to benefit financial operations. It receives upon favorable terms the accounts of corporations and individuals, and makes collections through perfectly organized system of correspondence and sells European Exchange. A capital of \$15,000.00 is held in reserve for the protection of depositors, with a surplus of \$5,000.00. Mr. J. C. Elsenmayer is a native of Mascoutah. He came to Trenton with his parents at the age of

plate glass show cases. An exceedingly fine assortment is at all times kept on hand, embracing gold and silver watches of all the leading makes, diamonds and other precious stones, clocks and unique designs, jewelry of every description in novel styles. Eye glasses, spectacles and optical goods generally, while special care and attention is given to the repairing of watches, clocks, and jewelry and satisfaction guaranteed. Notwithstanding Mr. Blattner's active business life he has found time to devote his attention to public affairs. He holds the commission of Notary Public and is deputy County Surveyor and has been Township Clerk for some years; a member of the Masonic order, Knights of Honor, Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen of America, orders in all of which he holds responsible positions, attesting his executive ability and popularity. He is essentially a self made man, a successful merchant and a public spirited citizen.

**A. W. CARTER, M. D., Residence East Broadway.**—The subject of our sketch, Dr. A. W. Carter, is a young physician of more than ordinary ability. He is a graduate of the Cincinnati Medical College. He received his preliminary education at the public schools of his native place Roseville Ohio, and subsequently took the scientific course of study at the Fultonham Academy, Ohio. He commenced the practice of medicine in his native state in 1892. The following year he came to Trenton to establish an office, and has since made a record for efficiency in the practice of the profession second to none in



fifteen and has remained here ever since with the exception of the years attending school at Mascoutah and the McKendree College. After being graduated from the latter institution 1871, he returned home and engaged with his father in milling until 1886, when their mill was destroyed by fire. He then turned his attention to buying and selling grain four years with great success. Mr. Elsenmayer owns 300 acres of farming land in the vicinity of Trenton and in Madison County which he rents, and from which a handsome income is derived. His natural adaptability to business and unquestioned ability in commercial affairs eminently fit him in the successful conduct of any legitimate field of industrial or commercial enterprise. Mr. Elsenmayer is at present township treasurer, and is an ex-alderman and an ex-Mayor of Trenton.

**LOUIS BLATTNER, Watchmaker and Jeweler.**—This enterprise had its inception in 1881, under favorable auspices, as the town at that time did not contain an industry of this class. Mr. Blattner's practical experience supplemented by commendable business foresight induced him to embark in this enterprise, which has proved a decided success. Prior to engaging in the business, Mr. Blattner had been trained from early youth in this important art industry under his father's guidance. The latter being a watchmaker of Highland Ill., where the son was born and raised. Mr. Louis Blattner arriving at an age when discrimination decides the future of man's occupation in life, he engaged in mercantile pursuits for a period of about five years. This departure had the salutary effect of fitting him in the conduct of business on his own account. Mr. Blattner's store is a model of neatness and handsomely fitted with nickel and



this section of the state. Dr. Carter has acquired an enviable reputation as a skillful surgeon and has made the diagnosis and treatment of lung diseases a special study. He is affable in disposition and at once commands the respect and confidence of his patients. Dr. Carter received honorable mention from the college faculty, and the highest praise from Professor Louis W. Sauer, Ph. G., of the Cincinnati College of Medicine for a scientific dissertation on food adulterations submitted and read before the college faculty. His high educational attainments and original conceptions in the science of medicine bespeak for him an eminently successful future.

**WILLIAM SCHAEFFER, Post Master.**—The subject of our sketch, Mr. William Schaeffer, is a native of Basle, Switzerland, the oldest existing Republic in the modern world. He came to America in 1853; after spending some time in the east he went to Minnesota where he remained four years and came to Trenton in 1859. Since his arrival here he has been engaged in various enterprises, and is now connected with the Union Hotel of this city. In public life he has also occupied positions of trust and is now town collector and post master of Trenton.

ton, appointed to the latter position June 1893 and succeeding Mr. Benjamin Louden. He has been Justice of the Peace and Sheriff of Clinton County, all of which public trusts he has discharged with great credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the people. He is conscientious and painstaking in the discharge of his official duties. He is an active member of the Masonic order, the Odd Fellows, the Good Fellows and the United Workmen. He is also a leading exponent of athletics through his connection with the Trenton Turnverein. Mr. Schaeffer has always been closely identified with the progress of Trenton. His systematic conduct of the local post office has been the subject of favorable comment among the people ever since his incumbency. The ease with which he adopts himself to the discharge of public duty seems to be quite natural. During the war of the rebellion he served in the 22nd Illinois Volunteer Infantry as Regimental Band Leader, and was honorably discharged from the service.

**SCHNYDER & HARTLEY**, Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Groceries, etc., Broadway.—It is gratifying to note among the younger circle of business men in Trenton, a tendency to improve in a marked degree upon the business methods in vogue ten years ago. As a consequence the purchaser does not have to depend entirely upon his own judgment, but can rely upon the experience and truthful representations of the merchant. In this connection we take pleasure in making mention of the enterprising firm Schnyder & Hartley who five years ago purchased the business from Mr. C. J. Steinmetz who had been in business for twenty years before. The premises occupied are eligibly located on the north side of Broadway in the business center of the city. In dimensions the store is 20x60 feet completely stocked with carefully selected lines of dry goods, notions, clothing, boots and shoes, furnishing goods, etc. A grocery department is also maintained. The gentlemen of the firm Chas. Schnyder and George L. Hartley are practically experienced merchants, familiar with the requirements and demands of the consumer. Mr. Schnyder is a native of Switzerland. He came to America in 1870 and has been clerk in some of the leading business houses of Trenton. He has been Township Clerk and is an active member of the C. K. of A. and the C. K. of I. Mr. Hartley was born and raised in the vicinity of Trenton, he has also been employed as clerk, and for a considerable time was connected with a department management in the house of Wm. Deering & Co. in St. Louis. He is now City Treasurer of Trenton, and an active member of the Western Commercial Travelers' Association. They are young men of worth and ability and very popular among all classes of the community.

**JACOB GLEICH**, Blacksmith and Dealer in Pumps, Planters, Etc. Fred Thalgott, Wagon Maker, Cor. Main & Broadway. The blacksmith's is an occupation which had its origin with the discovery of the uses to which mankind devoted metal, and he has since ever played an important part in the economy of every day life. We note with pleasure a representative of that craft in Trenton that deserves more than passing notice, in the person of Mr. Jacob Gleich who established business here January 1st, 1883. Mr. Gleich is an expert smith, and whether it be the horse shoe, the wheel tyre or any device or design in which iron or steel is used, he is the man to execute the work. Mr. Gleich was born and raised on a farm in the vicinity of Trenton, in what is known as the "Cracker Neck" school district. He learnt his trade at St. Morgans, Madison County Ill., with Mr. Hanselman the village blacksmith. He owns the premises he occupies for business and residence. Adjoining Mr. Gleich's shop and working in co-operation with him in the wagon making establishment is Mr. Fred Thalgott who has been in the business here since 1867. Mr. Thalgott bears the reputation of being one of the best wagon makers in this part of the state. He is an Alsatian by birth, came to this country in 1860 and learned the trade in St. Louis. In repairing and repainting Mr. Thalgott is equally proficient and painstaking. He is a member of the order of Good Fellows. His neighbor Mr. Gleich, the blacksmith also deals in pumps, planters and some other special devices and implements used by farmers. Both gentlemen are

popular with their patrons and public spirited citizens.

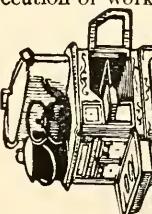
**JOSEPH HANKE**, General Merchandise, Broadway.—The city of Trenton, by reason of its location in the heart of rich agricultural and coal mining regions, has attracted many useful and necessary commercial enterprises. Mr. Joseph Hanke keeps a general store on Broadway in the basement of which are fine wine vaults, stocked from Mr. Hanke's vineyard, an enterprise in which he takes great pride in maintaining at a high standard, and to which he gives his personal attention. He is also the owner of a grist mill, poultry yard, incubating plant and tile works. Another of his conceptions is a magnificent artificial lake five acres in area which is known as Prairie Lake and is designed both for pleasure and profit. Mr. Hanke's many public and private enterprises have obtained for him a wide reputation and lasting popularity. He was instrumental in the development of coal mining in the vicinity for a considerable period. Mr. Hanke was a member of the board of Trustees of the town and was postmaster during Lincoln's administration from 1861 to 1865. In 1874 he was elected supervisor of Sugar Creek Township and has held that position through re-election ever since. In recognition of his high executive ability he was made chairman of the financial committee, and has invariably been identified with the financial system of Clinton County, with results that were always eminently satisfactory to the public. He is at present Mayor of the city. He was born in Bohemia, and at the age of fourteen years he was apprenticed as a clerk and accumulated enough to engage in business on his own account. Possessed of the spirit of adventure, he set sail for America and after remaining in the east some time came to St. Louis in 1850 and shortly afterwards to Clinton County near the present site of Trenton in 1854. In September, 1877, he was married to Elisabeth Kuepferle and is the father of six children—five boys and one girl, the oldest being sixteen and the youngest five years old.

**BOHRMANN & WOLF**, Dealers in Hardware, Stoves & Tinware, Repairing and Roofing a Specialty, Main Street, Near Broadway South.—One of the progressive houses in Trenton is that of Messrs. Bohrmann and Wolf which was established four years ago by Mr. H. J. Bohrmann of Louisville, Ky. Mr. J. C. Wolf of Mascoutah, Ill., became a partner December 1893. Mr. Bohrmann learnt the trade of tin-smith in Louisville and for several years followed tinsmithing in Trenton prior to engaging in the business on his own account. He is an adept in the craft and is painstaking and reliable in the execution of work. Mr. Wolf is a miller by trade, a businessman of wide experience.

The house has built up an enviable reputation for energy and fair dealing. This fact coupled with careful management has secured for them a well deserved success, with the encouraging prospects of a wider field of usefulness. The premises occupied for business and residence are owned by Mr. Bohrman, consisting of a substantial two story brick building 40x90 feet in area;

the first floor comprising store and shop. The latter is completely equipped for the work, and the members of the firm give their personal attention to every detail of the business so as to insure the highest satisfaction to their patrons.

**FERDINAND KURZ**, Manufacturer and Dealer in Carriages and Buggies, Main Street.—Since 1867 Mr. Kurz has plied his avocation of carriage maker here and in it he is recognized on all hands as an adept and practical mechanic, who through a rigid apprenticeship gained his knowledge of the trade in his native country of Germany. He came to America in 1852. After remaining in Chicago three years, he went to Vandalia Ill. where he stayed eight months, then went to St. Louis where he remained thirteen years at his trade, finally locating in Trenton and starting on his own account. His establishment is equipped with woodworking blacksmithing, painting and finishing departments, carriage building being the specialty; re-



pairing and repainting. Mr. Kurz owns the property occupied for business and residence, comprising an area 110x110 feet. He also handles vehicles of standard manufacture and agricultural implements. Mr. Kurz is an active member of the I. O. O. F. the K. of H. and the G. A. R.

**THE TRENTON SUN.**—Modern journalism has its conspicuous representative in Trenton in the person of Mr. Arthur Oehler, the editor and proprietor of the "Sun." The "Sun" is the combination of two newspapers, the Gazette, which appeared in 1881, and which changed hands in February, 1893. The Presbyterian and Herald had their inception in November 1892 and in April, 1893 they were absorbed by the Gazette. These in turn were purchased by Mr. Oehler in June of the same year and on July 1st was issued under the appropriate name of "Trenton Sun," thus casting its radiance upon the preceding confusion and night-like conditions that had existed in Trenton. Mr. Oehler, since he has had control has brought order out of chaos through systematic methods in the conduct of his paper. A perfect system of classification, editorial points of special interest, suggestive paragraphing, reliable current local news items, original artistic and attractive advertising, and general entertaining and instructive information, are a few of the leading features of this young giant in journalism. He has a numerous retinue of exchanges and correspondents, in Clinton and adjoining counties, and the people of Trenton may be congratulated upon the possession of such a live newspaper in their midst. Mr. Oehler was born December 18th, 1854 at Highland, Ill., where he graduated from the public school. He was in a store for a while and after a course at college, began teaching in a country

ing and independent study. He has one of the best equipped private libraries in the county. He can converse with almost equal fluency in the English, German and French languages. The school room becoming too confining, he decided to enter another occupation. About a year ago he purchased the several Trenton papers and consolidated them into THE SUN. He has regularly carried on an Educational Department in every issue of the same, and championed education whenever opportunity offered. From his ancestors he has imbibed that love of freedom so characteristic of the inhabitants of the mountain loving Swiss, while his prayer has ever been to be spared from bigotry and prejudice, in whatever form it may present itself. He belongs to the Evangelical church, and in politics is a liberal Republican.

**THEO. J. KASPER, City Clerk.**—In a review of the commercial and industrial affairs of a community like Trenton, the rank and file of its people, as a rule furnish the men who control and direct municipal government. The subject of our sketch Mr. Theo. J. Kasper is from among that class. He was born in St. Louis and at the age of eighteen months came with his parents to Trenton when the place was scarcely more than a hamlet. Mr. Kasper has



school, not far from the Clinton county line. He next started in a subordinate position in the Highland school, where he remained five years, gradually working upwards. He was then offered a position at a considerable advance of salary in the Marine schools, where he remained six years, a part of the time as principal. He next was principal of the Trenton schools, where he remained four years, when he was called to a position in the Belleville schools, where fifty-six teachers are employed, by the present State Supt. Hy. Raab, and where he remained three years. He has therefore spent over nineteen years in country and different grades of town and city schools. He is a great reader and for years has carried out a course of systematic read-

been a resident of this city twenty years, was educated at the public schools and with a view to bettering his condition embarked in business on his own account. He conducts a model tonsorial parlor, and in conjunction therewith carries on a mercantile business. He has been city clerk six years. Mr. Kasper is agent for the New Crown Sewing Machine which has the latest improvements. Mr. Kasper is a public spirited citizen and progressive man.

**WALTER S. LOUDEN.**—A talented young lawyer of this city forms the immediate subject of this sketch. He was born in Looking-Glass Township, Clinton County, July 31, 1868, and is one of three children comprising the family of Benjamin and Chanty (Blake) Louden. His paternal grandfather, Robert Louden, was one of the prominent residents of this county, (Clinton); a warm advocate of the free school system; he aided greatly in raising the standard of education in Clinton County. The father of our subject was born in Looking-Glass Township and is still a resident of this county. An ardent republican in politics, he has long been one of the leaders of that party in this section, and for many years was Postmaster at Trenton. He owns and manages several large farms, besides being an extensive dealer in agricultural implements. Walter S. Louden lived in his native township until reaching his fifth year, when his parents removed to this city. Here he attended the public schools, and later entered Johnson's Commercial College at St. Louis and then became a student in the McKendree Law School. This line of study was continued in the office of Judge H. H. Horner of Lebanon for one year. He then went to St. Louis and was graduated from the Law School of that city. Admitted to the Bar November 21, 1890, Mr. Louden has

since been actively engaged in the practice of his profession throughout Clinton and surrounding counties and has already established an enviable reputation. He is a very eloquent and convincing speaker, and possesses ability and argumentative powers rarely found in one so young. In 1832 he was nominated by the Republican party for State's Attorney in his county and notwithstanding Cleveland's majority of over eleven hundred, our subject was defeated by two hundred and seventy-five votes only. He now holds the position of Attorney for the City of Trenton. On September 12, 1893, Mr. Louden married Miss Mollie, daughter of Henry and Caroline (Abernatha) Manverse. His father-in-law, Mr. Henry Manverse, formerly editor of the Trenton "Gazette," is now engaged as special agent of the Prudential Insurance Co., of Newark N. J.

**TRENTON BREWERY.**—One from out among the industrial establishments of this little city, which has been quietly, yet uninterruptedly pursuing its course for a period of over thirty years, is the Trenton Brewery. It was begun 1860 by Berthold and Kiesel. The younger partner, Henry Kiesel, was the leading spirit and he it was who in accordance with the best known process of that time, insisted upon the building of two of the three capacious, vaulted, underground cellars, which have all this while and are still doing such good service. Mr. Berthold's interest was bought by A. Stamm, who in turn sold to Mr. Matzenbach. In 1866 Kiesel and Matzenbach sold out to Bassler and Kutterer, who carried on the business for three years, when Mr. Paul Bassler became sole owner. Two artesian wells were sunk 250 feet, which furnish a copious flow of soft sweet water. About three years ago a new engine and the renowned Ring Refrigerator system was put in. A description of the principles of the process of this system, which would apply equally well to almost any other system of refrigerator is hereby appended.

#### THE COMPRESSION SYSTEM.

The three stages of operation are as follows:—I. Compression of the gas; II. Condensation of the gas, and a withdrawal of the heat caused by compression; III Expansion of the gas and absorption by it of the heat from the surrounding objects. About a year ago a large ice house, holding over one-thousand tons, was put up. The concern gives steady employment for about ten men. Paul Bassler is the business manager, Aug. Bassler is superintendent and Jacob Bassler is engineer and machinist. East of the plant is the residence of the proprietor and adjoining the same, a lovely, shaded park of about twenty acres, where picnics and entertainments are held during the summer. While no effort has been made to cover a large territory, "Basslers Best" finds a ready sale in the neighboring towns of Aviston, Damiansville, New Baden and at home.

**FRED. FRICKER, Confectioner.**—The business of the confectioner and caterer is one requiring peculiar tact, and intelligence more than the ordinary, to meet the requirements and taste of a fastidious community like that of Trenton. The most prominent representative of this business in Trenton is Mr. Fred. Fricker, who started some fifteen years ago on Broadway and subsequently removed to Main Street, but finally returned to Broadway. The premises are now midway between Main street and the Post Office, in all respects a desirable locality. Mr. Fricker's store and parlor are stocked with fine selections of tropical fruits and fresh confections in great variety, notions and toys, and fresh baked bread, as well as the dispensing of delicious ice cream, oysters and refreshing drinks during the proper seasons. Mr. Fricker is a Swiss but has been in America since childhood. He furnishes for weddings and parties and is prompt and reasonable in his charges. His good lady assists in the management and the house has become a very popular one.

**JOSEPH GLANZNER, Furniture, Undertaking and Embalming, Cor. Main and Third Streets.**—A review of the representative houses of Trenton would hardly be complete without mention of Joseph Glanzner. The enterprise was founded thirty years ago and through care in the management and the exercise of honorable business methods Mr. Glanz-

ner has achieved well deserved success. He owns the premises occupied for business and residence comprising a two story brick building 50x42 feet in area. A cabinet maker's shop constitutes an annex, Mr. Glanzner being an expert in the craft of cabinet maker. He also undertakes funerals and carries in stock coffins, caskets and burial supplies. A beautiful hearse is also available. He does embalming after the most approved modern methods. He is a German by birth and came to America when eleven years of age. He has been village treasurer seven years and two years city custodian of the treasury, the first who held this position. He is an active Mason and an Odd Fellow. A member of the K. of H. and the Turnverein.

**H. E. MOLLMANN, Manufacturer and Dealer in Harness, Bridles, Collars, Whips, etc., Cor. Main and Third Streets.**—Trenton's commanding position in the heart of a rich agricultural and coal mining region has attracted to itself many important and useful industrial enterprises. In this connection it is with pleasure we make note of a comparatively recent accession to her industrial thrift in the person of Mr. H. E. Molmann, who established here October 17th, 1893. This gentleman was born and raised at Mascoutah, Ill., where his father has been and still is carrying on the business of harness making. Our subject learned the trade in his father's shop and his training has been such as to warrant the statement that he is an expert practical harness maker in all its branches. Mr. Molmann's trade is rapidly gaining in popularity for excellent work and reliability. He employs two workmen and gives his personal attention to every detail, allowing nothing to pass from his shop without a critical inspection. Mr. Molmann is a young artisan, a married man and has an interesting family of boys and girls. He belongs to the Masonic order and the K. of H. He is popular in both business and social circles.

**J. A. EICHER, Dealer in Groceries, Dry Goods, Notions, Sporting Goods, Glass and Queensware, etc.**—Among the recent accessions to Trenton is Mr. J. A. Eicher who established business May 1st, 1894, at a time when the labor agitations were being inaugurated and which have since caused an unprecedented business depression. Mr. Eicher is from the neighboring town of Summerfield, where he was born and raised. For some years he clerked in the stores of his native place and came to Trenton in the fall of 1888 and for five years filled the position of clerk finally embarking in business on his own account as noted above, Mr. Eicher is a young man possessed of much energy and courage. The fact of his having commenced business when he did and has bravely continued to invite patronage under the most discouraging circumstances fully attests his ability to succeed. He carries groceries, dry goods, notions, sporting goods, glass and queensware, but makes a specialty of groceries. In the lines of canned goods, table delicacies, fruits and condiments his stock is very complete and his prices are such as to meet the sharpest competition. Mr. Eicher's store is large and commodious, scrupulously clean and the goods in each department conveniently displayed. He contemplates materially increasing his stock as the condition of business demands it.

**J. H. MIENER, Merchant Tailor Main and 2nd Streets.**—Among the arbiters of correct taste and leading styles in men's wearing apparel, Mr. J. H. Miener the well known merchant tailor, unquestionably ranks among the foremost. He has had a long practical experience in the business and embarked on his own account thirteen years ago. Mr. Miener is a German by birth, came to America in 1866 and has been a resident of Trenton twenty-six years. He employs three assistants now but during the active seasons has engaged as many as six or seven journeymen. His premises on the corner of Main and Second Streets are his own property and consist of a modern two story brick building situated on a lot 110x118 feet in area. The store is complete in all its appointments and a fine display is made of elegant woolens, suitings and trouserings in the newest designs. Nothing but a perfect fit and nobby style goes out of his establishment. Mr. Miener is a member of the I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., is a public spirited citizen and a correct business man.

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**MRS. C. A. MITCHELL**, Fashionable Milliner and Dress Maker, Dealer in Notions and Human Hair, Main Street.—This lady inaugurated her business here twenty-two years ago and has conducted it with commendable energy and success ever since. About one year ago Mr. Wm. Pierce introduced for her some special lines which have now become a fixed accessory of the business. These comprise fancy groceries, confections, oysters and ice cream in their seasons, fresh bread, coal oil, gasoline, etc. Mrs. Mitchell is now the sole proprietor of the business. She owns the property occupied for business and residence. She is from Waverly, Morgan Co., Ill. She learned her art in Jacksonville, Ill., and for a period carried on the business at Alton, Ill. She is an adept milliner and dress maker. Her success and popularity is due to this fact coupled with her disposition to give value received and polite relations with customers. She has a host of friends among all classes of the community.

**JACOB KUHN**, Dealer in Furniture, Picture Frames and Mirrors, Undertaking, Coffins, Caskets, &c., Broadway, East of Main Street.—Among the pioneer residents of Trenton we note the name of Mr. Jacob Kuhn, who came here in 1858, and for a number of years followed his trade, that of a cabinet maker and builder. He established his present business about twelve years ago, building for himself the store he occupies, which consists of a neat two story frame 30x50 feet in area. Mr. Kuhn is a native of Wurtemburg, Germany. He came to America in 1853 and prior to locating here was a resident of Collinsville and Troy, Ill. He is a member of the Treu-Bund and is an active and progressive citizen. Mr. Kuhn has several sons who have arrived at manhood's estate, one of whom is in the lumber and building business in this city under the firm name of Riemann-Kuhn & Co. He has another son, Henry Kuhn, in St. Louis engaged in stair building in Hutting's factory. The other sons are at home and assist their father in his business.

**C. F. W. BARTLING**, Livery and Feed Stables Near R. R. Station.—A well conducted livery and boarding stable is a great convenience to any community and in noting that of Mr. C. F. W. Bartling we submit one which in all its characteristics presents the best results of intelligent effort in this direction. The stand is an old one, the location is central and the building is spacious, having a frontage of fifty feet by a depth of seventy-five feet completely equipped for the comfort and safety of horses. The stable will accommodate thirty head of horses, besides carriages and stalls. The boarding department is a special feature. For livery purposes Mr. Bartling has a number of stylish out-fits comprising coaches, carriages, buggies, surreys, phaetons and fine driving horses. Carriages are furnished for funerals and for weddings, parties, balls and driving at reasonable rates. Mr. Bartling has been a resident of Trenton two years. He is from Decatur Ill. and was formerly engaged in the walnut timber business traveling through many states. His present business occupation is more congenial to his disposition and his fitness in the care and training of horses is acquired through a natural liking for the equine species. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and in politics inclines to the Peoples Party.

**MRS. EMMA ILBERY**, Photographer, Main Street.—Here in this little city of Trenton we find a talented representative of the photographic art. Portrait photography is the specialty of Mrs. Emma Ilbery's studio and in this she is not excelled. Mrs. Ilbery succeeded her husband in the business. He died two years ago and about one year after the establishment of the enterprise here with branches at Breese and St. Louis, the latter being discontinued on his demise. During Mr. Ilbery's lifetime his wife was in reality the art genius of the business. She is a pupil of the famous Cramer Studio of St. Louis and through a long training, Mrs. Ilbery has mastered the photographic art. She is assisted by her daughter Miss Lucy Ilbery who also displays fine artistic taste. Mrs. Ilbery is a native of St. Louis where she was raised and educated. Her gallery is located on Main Street North of Broadway

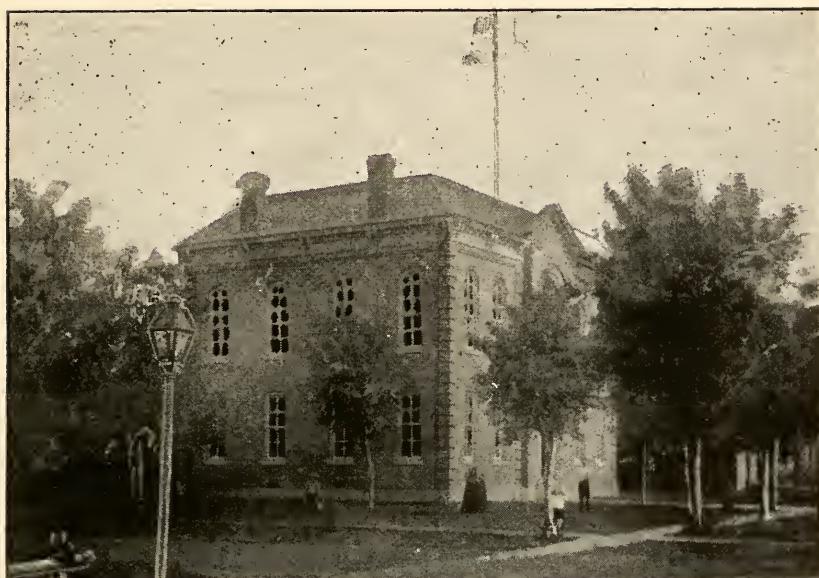
**W. T. CARR**, Druggist and Bookseller.—From the very earliest ages, the art of preparing compounds that arrest and remove pain, and heal the sick, has been regarded as among the highest of human functions. W. T. Carr, a graduate of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy purchased this business August 1884 and on the 1st of October following opened up with a very complete stock. The premises are located on Main street North of Broadway. They are handsomely furnished with plate-glass show-windows, elegant fixtures etc. The stock embraces pure drugs and medicines, chemicals and proprietary remedies, toilet articles, perfumery, sick room requisites, supplemented by a fine line of stationery, school books, paints, oils and painter's supplies.—A side line is also carried in standard makes of bicycles and sewing machines. One trusty assistant, Mr. A. E. Stout, is employed. Mr. Carr was born and raised in Trenton, receiving his preliminary education at the public school and subsequently attending two courses at McKendree College. He owns the store and a comfortable home and has been eminently successful in his business career. He is young and progressive and his future is full of promise.

**TRENTON HOUSE**, John White, Proprietor.—It will be two years in November since Mr. White came in control of this old landmark, and since his incumbency a thorough renovation has taken place, so that it may be truthfully stated that it is the most comfortable hotel in Trenton controlling a very large patronage. The building is two and one half story, equipped with every convenience. The table is all that could be desired and is presided over by the lady of the house assisted by her interesting young daughter. Ten clean guest rooms, an elegant parlor, office, reading room and bar constitute a few leading features of this popular house. The location is in close proximity to the railroad station, the surroundings include a profusion of fine shade trees. Mr. John White the genial host was born and raised on the Gravois road in St. Louis and for a number of years followed coal mining in the vicinity of this City. He is a member of the School Board and held the position of alderman of Trenton. He is an active member of the I. O. O. F.

## BREESE.

The town of Breeze is located in a township of the same name in Clinton County, Illinois, about forty miles from the city of St. Louis on the line of the B. & O. S. W. Railroad. This township was so named in honor of its prominent citizen, the distinguished jurist, Judge Sidney Breeze, late of the Supreme Court of Illinois. The village is situated about the center of the township in the heart of a most fertile agricultural region, abounding in rich coal deposits and well watered.

It contains a population of nearly 1000 souls, mostly German or of German extraction. There are two extensive coal mines operated, one Breeze Future Coal and Mining Company which is essentially a local enterprise, worthy of note as its promoters are principally business men of the town. This company was incorporated under the Illinois state law in 1887, and has for its executive officers, Messrs. Theo. Klutho, president, and F. Koch, secretary and treasurer, merchants of in-



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fluence, whose special notices appear in another part of this work. The other mine is owned and operated by the Consolidated Coal Co. of St. Louis. These mines give employment to about 200 men and are worked upon the most approved modern system of coal mining; aggregating a daily output of about 1000 tons which finds a ready market in St. Louis.

The town of Breese was surveyed, platted and recorded February 3rd, 1855. The original town consisted of twenty-four blocks, north and south of the O. & M. Railroad. C. H. Kaune, Koch and Marks, C. F. Stark and Benedict Haar afterwards laid out additions.

The first house was put up by Robert S. Donne in which he carried a small stock of merchandise. Mr. Donne was also the first railroad agent and Postmaster at Breese. Other business houses and residences soon followed. A grist mill was built in 1863 by C. H. Kaune and operated by the Kaune Bros., the same which is now owned by the Breese Mill and Grain Co., and of which special mention is made elsewhere in this review.

At this period, 1865, Breese was assuming commercial importance and made rapid strides for a decade or two following. The elegant St. Dominic Catholic Church was erected in 1867. This edifice is built of lime stone in handsome medieval style and is one of the finest church buildings in this part of the state. An appropriately designed and appointed school building and parsonage are also attractive features of the Catholic establishment of Breese. The Evangelical, St. John's Congregation, also have a fine substantial church building which was erected in 1871, and a public school building that would do credit to a much larger town, further attests the progressive tendencies of this community. A hotel which is mentioned specially elsewhere, and several boarding houses and places of public resort for amusement and refreshments are not lacking in Breese.

The great social feature of the town, however, is the Concordia Saengerchor, a well organized and trained band of vocalists who are under the leadership of Prof. Pesolt, of Lebanon, Ill. This organization is composed of the leading citizens of the village. Breese has also a fine Brass Band whose members are connected with the Saengerchor. Both these musical bodies meet in their hall designed and built expressly for the purpose.

The village hall is a neat modern structure in the middle of beautifully shaded grounds, with granite walks; the interior appointments being in keeping with the best methods conducive to health, comfort and safety.

The streets of the town are broad, run at right angles north, south, east and west, and are profusely shaded.

The main portion of the town is north of the railroad. The streets running north and south are named in the following order commencing on the west: Plum, Cherry, Clinton, Main (from R. R. Station), Walnut, Chestnut and Elm. Those running east and west are numbered Main, First, etc., north, and Main, First, etc., south of railroad.

The people of this town are sociable and intelligent as a whole, and its business and professional men are eminently enterprising and progressive. The German conservative principle prevails to a degree among the older citizens, but the present generation of its inhabitants is fully up to the standard of American ideas of modern progress in the widest sense, and the future of Breese is in their keeping. The president of the Village Board is Mr. Henry Hummert. He is also superintendent of the Breese Future Coal and Mining Co.

Newspaper and printing facilities are lacking in Breese but Prof. Arthur Oehler's Trenton "Sun" and complete printing establishment amply make up for this defect in point of supplying current local news items and rendering prompt and efficient service in this wise.

**BRESEE MILL & GRAIN CO.**—Southern Illinois has long been famous for its milling and kindred lines of industry, its vast grain fields and enormous coal deposits have largely contributed to the fostering of them. The village of Breese claims one of the best mills in the state. The plant was built in 1864, by Kaune & Behner, subsequently Kaune Bros. The present company purchased the plant and grounds from the latter, November 11,

1891. The business then assumed corporate form under the Illinois state law and with an ample paid up capital, and the following directing the company's affairs:—C. C. Hoffsommer, president; J. O. Koch, treasurer and W. H. Koch, secretary. At the same time they improved the plant which is now provided with the latest improved roller process system operated by a 100 h. p. steam engine and having a capacity output of 160 barrels per diem, employing twelve men outside the office staff which is composed of the Company's officers and Mr. Henry Schmidt, the confidential clerk and superintendent. The Company also operate a grain elevator, storage capacity of 10000 bushels. They also deal extensively in all kinds of livestock, owning themselves two stock farms of 160 and 300 acres. They raise high bred horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. In the raising of full bred horses their stallions have obtained a wide reputation at home and abroad. This company's mill products comprise high grade flour which finds a ready market South and East, a considerable export trade being controlled and the demand active. The fuel product is also in large and increasing demand and they are contemplating doubling the capacity. The president of the Company, Mr. C. C. Hoffsommer has resigned and until the election of his successor the company will remain content to continue in the ever terror of their way. The Messrs. J. O. and W. H. Koch are brothers, born and raised in Breese and are business men of ability and push. They jointly own and operate an extensive brick-yard and considerable other property. Their father was a pioneer settler of this locality. Mr. W. H. Koch is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and President of the Concordia Saengerchor. He was educated at the public schools and the College at Carbondale Ill. Mr. J. O. Koch has been selected candidate for county treasurer.

**THEO. KLUTHO.**—Among various commercial enterprises that have contributed to the material growth of the village of Breese the lumber business has and still does play an important part. The old house of Mr. Theo. Klutho stands in the front rank of commercial enterprise in Southern Illinois. Mr. Klutho established the business here in 1862. He carries in his extensive yards a very comprehensive stock of lumber in the rough and dressed, also manufactured lumber, including doors, blinds, interior finish in all woods, and building materials of every kind, lime and cement, builder's hardware, etc. He also makes contracts for building, furnishes plans and estimates, being himself a master builder of many years practical experience. Mr. Klutho is a Prussian by birth, came to America in 1853 and spent one and a half years in Frankfort, Kentucky, where he was apprenticed to the carpenter trade. He subsequently worked at his trade in St. Louis and vicinity and came to Breese in 1858. He owns a fine residence, a substantial two story modern structure in which his office is located, on Main street. His lumber yard which is adjacent thereto on the south comprises two lots 50x150 feet each in area, upon which his lumber and lumber sheds are conveniently arranged and equipped for the proper and expeditious receipt and delivery of goods. The trade extends to the neighboring towns and farming districts. Mr. Klutho has been Post Master of Breese and Justice of the Peace for upwards of twenty years. He is a member of the Concordia Saengerchor, and was a soldier in the German army. During the war of the rebellion he was appointed Captain of the Southern Illinois Home Guards. Although past the age of sixty years he still preserves a vigorous physical constitution and unimpaired mental power.

**JOHN H. GROTE, Carpenter.**—The occupation of carpenter is perhaps one of the oldest and most important known among civilized men. In all ages where the habitations of the human species were designed for shelter and safety the carpenter's avocation was brought into requisition. In these modern days, the highest skill is required in the construction, appointments and interior finish of our residences and as a consequence the carpenter's trade is one of more than ordinary importance. Among those who may justly claim eminence in the carpenter's craft, Mr. John H. Grote deserves special mention in this review. He is highly skilled and experienced in all branches of carpen-

try. His services are constantly in demand and his work bears the stamp of the master-hand. Mr. Grote has been a resident about seven years. He is a German by birth but has been in this country since early youth. He served as a Union soldier in the war of the rebellion and attests his valor in defense of his adopted country and the perpetuation of this great Republic, by wounds received in action, resulting in his partial incapacity for hard work. The government appreciating his services, has allowed him a pension, for that courage that characterizes the brave and true. Mr. Grote endeavors to add to his worldly possessions by working at his trade, using what is left of his physical energy to promote and comfort his declining years. He is highly esteemed by his comrades and is popular among all classes of the community. His shop is located in the North side in the vicinity of the lumber yards and has a complete equipment for all kinds of carpentry work.

**BENJ. H. DONNE,** General Merchandise, Corner Clinton and Second Streets.—In a review of the important commercial enterprises of Southern Illinois, the dealer in general lines of merchandise is an almost indispensable factor in subserving the community of which he forms a part. A leading house of Breese thus engaged is that of Mr. Benj. H. Donne. This gentleman established the business in 1881. He was formerly a merchant of St. Louis, but having been born and raised in Breese, he returned to his native village to give his fellow-townersmen the benefit of his valuable experience in the great city. Mr. Donne's wide experience and intimate relations with wholesale houses and manufacturers enable him to provide the many goods he handles, groceries, notions, dry goods, clothing, shoes, etc., in proportions and quality to fully meet the requirements of his numerous patrons—carrying at all times a large reserve stock. Four intelligent assistants are employed. The premises are designed expressly for the business, and consist of a substantial two story and basement brick building 28x64 feet in area. A separate warehouse adjacent to the main store is utilized for the storage of country produce, etc. This establishment is a model of its kind and would do credit to a more pretentious community than that of the village of Breese. Mr. Donne's successful business career is due to care and commendable foresight in the management of his affairs supplemented by fair dealing in his relations with patrons. He owns considerable property in the village including premises occupied for business purposes. He also holds valuable mining stock. He is village treasurer and township clerk.

**DR. W. G. BECHTOLD,** Physician and Surgeon. Office: Main Street Opposite Church.—A professional man of this village who has gained a solid position among his patrons and holds the confidence of the medical fraternity of Clinton County, is Dr. W. G. Bechtold, graduate of the Missouri Medical College, class 1884. Upon receiving his degree, Dr. Bechtold at once entered upon the practice of his profession at Breese. He soon became popular by reason of his skill and conscientious care in the treatment of patients, and as a consequence his professional services were sought for. Dr. Bechtold commenced the practice with but scanty means and during his professional career of one decade he has amassed a fair competence. He owns a fine residence and other valuable real property in the village. He is president of Clinton Medical Society and an active member of the Concordia Saengerchor, a notable band of vocalists of Breese. He is very favorably recognized in social as well as professional circles at home and abroad.

**F. KOCH,** General Merchandise.—One of the most reputable business men of Breese is Mr. F. Koch. The business was inaugurated by Mr. Koch eight years ago upon the dissolution of the firm of Hof-sommer & Koch. The premises occupied for business purposes comprise a substantial two story and basement brick building, 30x50 feet, filled with a carefully selected stock of dry goods, notions, clothing, men's furnishings, staple and fancy groceries, country produce, light hardware and household necessities. Such a miscellaneous array as to claim for the establishment the name of a modern Bazaar. Employment is given to three polite assistants, Mr. Koch personally supervising

every detail of the business. Mr. Koch was born and raised in Breese. He is popular among all classes of the community, controlling a large trade in the village and among the farmers of the vicinity. He is secretary and treasurer of the Future Coal & Mining Company. He is an active member of the Modern Woodmen of America, of the Concordia Saengerchor and the Breese Brass Band. Of the latter he was the leader six years.

**HOFFMANN & HELWIG,** Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Boots, Shoes and General Merchandise, Main Street North Opposite Church.—This old and reliable house was founded by Mr. Casper Hot Sommer about the year 1878. He was succeeded by his son, Wm. H. Casper; Mr. G. A. Hoffmann of the present firm succeeding the latter in 1891, and was soon after joined by Aug. J. Helwig. These gentlemen have materially added to the stock originally carried, at the same time increasing their trade territory which embraces besides a considerable local patronage, a very large trade among the farmers and in surrounding towns. Their store has dimensions 50x70 feet, a substantial two story building centrally located on Main street, the first floor and basement devoted to the business; the upper floor Mr. Helwig's residence. A very full and comprehensive stock of goods is carried in all the lines usually embraced in a first class general store. Mr. Hoffmann hails from the neighboring city of Carlyle. He has been a resident of Breese five years, and was formerly clerking at Carlyle and in St. Louis. He is at present the village clerk, a member of the Concordia Saengerchor, and Fire Department, a K. of H. and a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Helwig was born and raised here. He took a course at Jones' Commercial College in St. Louis and clerked in Breese three years before embarking in business on his account. He is an active member of the Concordia Sangerchor and of the Evangelical Church Choir. He carries large insurance in the New York Mutual Life Company. Both gentlemen are young and enterprising merchants whose success is well deserved and their continued prosperity is assured.

**HERMANN NIEMANN,** Baker and Confectioner, Corner Main & Second Streets, North.—The baker is an important factor in the domestic economy and follows, an avocation that requires more than ordinary skill. A representative man thus engaged in the thriving village of Breese, is Mr. Hermann Niemann who established business here in 1890. Mr. Niemann has been a resident of Breese fourteen years; he is a German by birth and has been in this country twenty-eight years, landing in the City of Baltimore. He was formerly in butchering business in Germantown and here. Mr. Niemann is a young enterprising man whose popularity in the community has led to his appointment as Postmaster under Mr. Cleveland's administration. In the equipment of his bakery which is a separate building from his store, the most approved modern methods and processes are in vogue and the product of his bakery comprises, fine family bread, pies and table delicacies. He also deals in fine confectionery and stationery. During the summer months a very neat and cozy ice cream parlor is maintained and the best attention and accommodation is afforded the patrons of this house at all times. Mr. Niemann is an active C. K. of I.

**JOHN SCHWARTZ,** Dealer in Hardware, Tinware, Stoves, Etc., Opposite Village Hall.—A man's success in business life is dependent upon his ability and persistent effort to excel in all he does. An example of this class has come under our notice in the person of Mr. John Schwartz who succeeded his father-in-law, Mr. John Schaffner, in this business in 1888. The latter had carried on the business twenty-five years, and during his lifetime was recognized as an honorable man and an influential citizen. Our subject, Mr. John Schwartz, possesses in a marked degree those gifts of genius and adaptability that go to make up the successful business man and useful citizen. He has been a resident of Breese off and on since 1883. He learned the trade of copper and tin smith here, in Dayton, O., and in St. Louis. He left his home at the age of 18 years to shift for himself and the sequel will show how well he has succeeded. His shop is equipped with all appliances utilized in the manufacture of copper,

tin and sheet iron work of every description; steam heating and cornice work is done. Mr. Schwartz also carries a very comprehensive stock of heat and cook stoves, cooking utensils in tin, copper and iron ware, hardware, kitchen furnishings, etc. He can make anything from a tin cup to a house front in the line of his craft, and guarantees entire satisfaction. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., K. of H., Modern Woodmen of America and the Concordia Saengerchor. Mr. Schwartz was one of the original organizers of the Local Fire Department and was its chief until he resigned on account of the pressure of his business occupation. He is of German extraction, and like most all our citizens of that nationality, he is progressive and ingenious, and always striving to excel. His trade extends to all the neighboring towns.

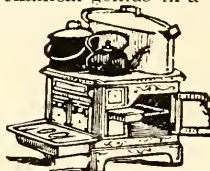
**J. C. SCHROEDER**, Blacksmith and Dealer in Farm Machinery, Main Street.—With the farming community there is certainly no more useful adjunct than he who can fashion the plow-share, shoes the horse and repairs agricultural machinery. A representative mechanic of this class and one who is an acknowledged adept in his craft is Mr. J. C. Schroeder. This gentleman established business here in 1881 and has well and faithfully performed his work. Mr. Schroeder's shop is well equipped with all necessary machinery and tools; in area it is 40x44 feet, one competent assistant finds constant employment, Mr. Schroeder giving his personal supervision to important details. A leading specialty is made of repairing farm machinery, carriage and wagon work. Mr. Schroeder was born and raised in Breese, learned his trade here and is very popular. He is a K. of H. a member of the Modern Woodmen and of the Concordia Saengerchor. His success is largely due to his reliability in the execution of work supplemented by skill and good judgement in designing and repairing. He owns the property occupied for business purposes and other property in the village.

**HOF SOMMER & SCHROEDER**, Cor. Main and Fourth Streets North.—There are few more enterprising as and well conducted lumber concerns in Southern Illinois than that of Hof Sommer & Schroeder who established here in 1882. Through care and energy this young house has developed a prosperous business and obtained wide popularity among property owners and builders in this section. The yards are conveniently situated on Main street, comprising four town lots in area upon which are located office and lumber sheds, stocked with all kinds of lumber dressed and in the rough, sash, doors, blinds, interior finish, builders supplies and materials of every description. The members of the firm Emil G. Hof Sommer and Henry W. Schroeder are practical men. Besides their lumber business they are carpenters, builders and contractors, make plans and estimates and contract for building, guaranteeing the highest satisfaction to those who engage their services. Jobbing in their line is also attended to. The members of this firm were born here and possess every facility essential to the execution of work and the supply of material. They own one lot of the four occupied for business purposes. Mr. Hof Sommer was engaged in farming prior to embarking in the present enterprise. He owns several valuable farms that are under high cultivation in close proximity to Breese. Two of these are in charge of a trusty agent whose duties involve the raising and care of live stock after the most approved modern methods. Mr. Hof Sommer's live stock farms are models of their kind in this part of the state. Mr. Schroeder is a carpenter and builder by trade. He was engaged in the business at St. Louis. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

**DR. CHAS. E. GISSY**, Pure Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Stationery, Druggists' Sundries, Perfumery, Soap, Toilet and Fancy Articles, Etc.—Dr. Gissys, who established business here in 1879, is a physician by profession and a graduate of the St. Louis Medical College. He practiced medicine for a number of years in Morrison Missouri and in Breese continued the practice in connection with his pharmacy but was compelled to partially relinquish the practice on account of ill health in 1880. He is a regular registered pharmacist. His store is appropriately appointed and equipped with complete laboratory and prescription department.

He gives his personal attention to details and is very prompt and obliging in his relations with patrons. Dr. Gissys is a native of Alsace, but came to America with his parents when but a year old and was raised in Germantown a neighboring village of Clinton County. His is the only pharmacy in Breese and for all intents and purposes the only one needed as Dr. Gissys is thoroughly familiar with the needs of the people and the requirements of the medical profession. He is treasurer of the Clinton County Medical society.

**L. VANDER PLUYM**, North Second Street, West of Main Street.—There is always room for the mechanical genius in a progressive community and the village of Breese has a strong representative in his line in Mr. L. Vander Pluym who succeeded his partner, Mr. H. Detmer, in business one year ago. The premises occupied are owned by Mr. Pluym and embrace an area 25x75 feet, completely stocked and equipped for the conduct of the business, which



consists of dealing in hardware, farm machinery, stoves, ranges, wall paper and miscellaneous household articles. Tin smithing and the repairing of fire arms is a specialty of Mr. Pluym's. He is an adept mechanic in the latter department and controls a large patronage among sportsmen and enjoys the possession of a handsome village residence. Mr. Pluym formerly clerked for Mr. Benj. H. Donne of Breese. He was born and raised in Breese. He is an active member of the Breese Benevolent Society, a worthy local organization that has for its object the relief of the deserving destitute and the helpless sick. Mr. Pluym is a young married man industrious and progressive and takes an active interest in all measures that have in view the commercial and social development of the village.

**THEO. DEEBEN**, Dealer in Cut Meats and Sauces, North Second Street.—There is no line of business so important to the public generally as is that which provides us with what we eat and the most essential of these is the one that supplies us with meat. A market where one may always be sure of getting fresh, clean meats and have the different kinds to select from is that conducted by Mr. Deeben. Mr. Deeben established the business in 1870 and for nearly twenty-five years has received a liberal patronage from the citizens of Breese and vicinity, delivering orders in Aviston four miles westward from this village. He does his own butchering having a well equipped slaughtering house and cattle pasture outside the village limits. He also deals in hides and has one trusty assistant. Mr. Deeben is a German by birth, came to this country in 1857, and after traveling extensively through the west finally located here to embark in his present successful business enterprise. He owns his place of business and residence. He is a member of the Concordia Saengerchor and was formerly in the Town Board. He is recognized as a public spirited citizen and an honorable merchant.

**FRED BUSLEY**, Exchange Saloon, Corner of Main and Second Street, North.—A review of the business interests of Southern Illinois discloses the existence of many places of public resort which compare favorably with those of any part of the country. Enjoying an enviable position among this class of public entertainers, the name of Fred Busley of Breese stands out conspicuous. He has been established two years, succeeding Mr. Herman Fasnacht. He does a flourishing business, dispensing fine wines, liquors and cigars. The ever refreshing lager beer is a specialty of the exchange and in this department of Mr. Busley's business the very best facilities are possessed in the way of cold storage and the most popular brews. Mr. Busley presides at the bar in person so as to insure the highest satisfaction to his numerous patrons. The premises are commodious, supplied with card tables, pool and billiard tables, the bar equipment and design being in keeping with the best metropolitan style. The place is lighted on all sides. The location is central, directly across the way from the Post-Office and the genial host is always a half fellow, well met. Mr. Busley is a na-

tive of the city of St. Louis, but was raised in Davenport Iowa. Although still a young man, he has had much experience in business affairs and conducts his establishment upon the most approved plan.

**BEN. J. SCHWARZ,** Cigar Manufacturer.—It is a well recognized fact that the favorite form of smoking is and always will be the cigar and the great demand for this luxury has led to the establishment of numerous factories that sell to the consumer and dealer alike by the box. In Breese we find a representative of this important industry in the person of Mr. Ben. J. Schwarz who established the business September 22nd, 1893. Receiving his certificate October first of the same year, he opened up his factory, with a force of five cigar makers and produces from fifteen to twenty thousand cigars monthly. Of the special five-cent brand, No. 66, Little Cuban and Gold Standard are favorites with old smokers. Mr. Schwarz' Key West ten cents straight finds a ready market at home and is in large and growing demand among St. Louis dealers by reason of its purity and high flavor. Mr. Schwarz uses the best imported Havana and Sumatra leaf and is an excellent judge of the qualities, in these as well as in the domestic leaf used in the manufacture. He occupies very neat quarters and in filling orders he is very prompt and accurate. He was born and raised in Breese, and is a member of the Concordia Saengerchor. He is of that class of young business men in Breese who hold the destinies of the future village and city in their power. Mr. Schwarz makes other brands of cigars, notably the Young Queen a fifteen cent cigar that is not excelled in any market.

**L. W. SCHROEDER,** the Tailor. Custom and Ready Made Clothing, Hats, Caps, and Gent's Furnishing Goods, Main Street North.—Among the arbiters of correct taste and leading styles in men's apparel, Mr. L. W. Schroeder ranks among the foremost. He came here in November 1883, introducing the "Push" line of business, in tailoring. He is an expert and has had a long practical experience in the business and served as a journeyman tailor several years in St. Louis, where he learned the trade. Although so recently established, Mr. Schroeder has realized gratifying success. He carries a very select stock of foreign and domestic suiting and in the make-up and fit, perfect satisfaction is always guaranteed. He also carries in stock stylish and reasonable ready made clothing, hats and caps, gents furnishings etc. Mr. Schroeder is of German descent, born and raised in Breese. He is an enthusiastic member of the Concordia Saengerchor and his social standing is of the

highest order. His place is neatly and appropriately appointed, in dimensions 22x50 feet and centrally located. He is a young enterprising business man who is destined to achieve well deserved success and add another link to the commercial progress of the village of Breese.

**HERMAN SCHROEDER,** Manufacturer of and Dealer in Harness, Bridles, Saddles, Robes, Lap Dusters, Whips, Etc., North Main Street.—Mr. Herman Schroeder is an adept at his trade which he learned in Highland, Ill., and subsequently worked as a journeyman two years in St. Louis and eight months in Great Bend, Kas., finally establishing himself in his native village of Breese seven years ago. His shop on Main street, north, is fully equipped and employment is given to experienced workmen, Mr. Schroeder personally giving close attention to details so as to insure the highest satisfaction to his numerous patrons. A sample and stock room adjoins the shop where is carried harness, bridles, saddles, robes, lap-dusters, whips, horse clothing etc. In the manufacture, none but the very best materials are used and satisfaction guaranteed. The prices quoted being as low as is consistent with first class work. Mr. Schroeder's trade is obtained from the farming classes principally and it has experienced a steady growth from year to year. He makes a leading specialty of repairing and in this department of the business saves his patrons considerable outlay each season. He is a K. of H. and a member of the Concordia Saengerchor and the Breese Brass Band. In conjunction with his regular business he also does mattress making, carriage trimming, upholstery.

**COMMERCIAL HOTEL,** Cnas. Rickher, Proprietor, Opposite B. & O. S. W. Railroad Station.—The most important change that has occurred within recent years in the commercial and social development of the village of Breese, is the new proprietorship and management of the old Commercial Hotel. It was leased about seven months ago, by Mr. Charles Rickher. This gentleman with an eye to business and possessing in a marked degree those sterling qualifications of the genial host, set about renovating and completely refurnishing this old landmark. It had fallen into a delapidated and unsightly condition through neglect but at considerable expense and pains on the part of Mr. Rickher it looms up to-day as one of the most inviting public places of resort in this section of Southern Illinois. Mr. Rickher was born of German parents in Madison County, Ill., and prior to engaging in his present enterprise was farming in the vicinity of Breese. He served during the war of the rebellion in the 43d Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Co. 1, and is an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

## CARLYLE.

Hard by the romantic banks of the Old Kaskaskia, (Okaw River) nestles the charming little city of Carlyle. Its history dates back over three quarters of a century. Its early inhabitants were the hardy sons of toil from the states of Indiana, Kentucky, Virginia, Ohio and Tennessee with a sprinkling at intervals of New England stock and pure Anglo-saxon immigrants. In later years came the thrifty German, and to-day we find the descendants of those frugal and industrious nationalities living in harmony, peace and prosperity. Passing from the scenes and changes of the earlier days, we will devote our attention mainly to the city of to-day. Our general history on Southern Illinois will refer more particularly to the original settlements and incidentally we may in the course of this record, for the purpose of elucidation, again call up some interesting reminiscences of the past.

The city of Carlyle is situated on the west bank

of Kaskaskia river forty-eight miles east of the city of St. Louis on the line of the B. & O. S. W. R. Its charming location on slightly elevated and rolling ground affords it excellent drainage facilities and delightful sites for residential purposes. The city contains many fine residences, public buildings and business blocks, notably, the residences of Mr. Gustave Van Hoorebeke, a prominent attorney at law; Mr. R. N. Ramsay, a leading banker and State Treasurer of Illinois and many others. Among the public buildings the county court house deserves special mention. This building was erected in 1880 and subsequently enlarged and improved, so as to adapt it to the present requirements of the county authorities. It is located in the business centre of the city on the apex of a moderate elevation which slopes in every direction. Its grounds are shaded with magnificent forest growths of elm, oak and maple and it is traversed by fine gravel and granl-

told walks artistically laid out. The building is of brick, two stories and done. In its interior arrangements the most approved modern plans have been adhered to. The public school was built in 1874, but largely increased in size in 1880 and now contains eight comfortable and well ventilated rooms. It is also of brick with modern conveniences.

The Catholic parochial school, is a fine modern brick structure and attests the high appreciation of the church for educational development and progress.

The city contains six churches of various denominations: the Methodist Episcopal and the Roman Catholic congregations being the largest and most influential in religious circles.

Among the business blocks, that of the Schlaflay Bros. and R. N. Ramsay's are the most conspicuous.

Many fine stores line the thoroughfares on the north and south sides of the public square and display a degree of commercial activity that is really commendable.

The Carlyle Hook and Ladder Company was organized in January 1869, and has attained a very high degree of proficiency; especially may this be observed since the installation of Carlyle's fine water supply system a few years ago. At first an immense water tank with a capacity of four thousand gallons and subsequently a stand pipe with double this capacity was erected and pump house supplied with duplicate engines having an h. p. capacity far in excess of the present requirements of the city's water supply service.

#### GOVERNMENT.

At an act of the legislature in 1824 Carlyle was made the county seat of Clinton on condition that twenty acres of land on present site be donated for the purpose. The deed of this land was made by Charles Slade and his wife Mary D. Slade and was recorded July 4th 1824. By an old record it appears that a village charter was granted in 1837. This was amended in 1853 and again in 1865 increasing the town's authority.

Steamboats navigated the Kaskaskia to this point in those days. The first boat which is known to try the experiment was named "The Belleville". The stage of water within recent years does not permit of steamboat navigation with any commercial advantage whatever.

The suspension bridge across the Kaskaskia at this point was constructed in 1860 by the Clinton county authorities at a cost of \$15000. It was free to all residents of the county only for a number of years, but of recent years has become a public thoroughfare. It has a span of 280 feet in the clear with stone and brick towers some seventy feet in height from foundation. The cables are composed of parallel wire ribbons bound firmly together with the same material wound around at intervals and welded. It is a substantial and graceful structure and quite a unique feature of the city's surroundings.

Carlyle possesses some very important industrial establishments; a grist mill operated by the Carlyle Mill and Grain Company, the Carlyle Canning Co., and others that receive special mention in another part of the work devoted to Carlyle.

The name of the city was bestowed by the early English settlers in honor of Sir Thomas Carlyle, who in those days was very dear to the British nation on account of his great literary attainments.

Carlyle is surrounded by fertile agricultural districts and a prosperous farming community.

Its people are largely American born, the business and professional classes possessing in a marked degree enterprise and fine taste.

The present city government is composed of a Mayor, the honorable Robt. C. Lambe; City Attorney, Mr. J. J. McCaffigan; City Clerk, Mr. Bacon; City Treasurer, Fred Feulner; Police Magistrate, John Wade; City Marshal and Street Inspector, Wm. Rinesmith. The council is composed of two Aldermen from each of the three city wards.

Carlyle was incorporated as a city under the general state law May 9th, 1881. Its first officers under municipal organization were, Darlus Kingsbury, Mayor; Saul F. Schaeffer, Clerk; Nick Wuller, Treasurer and Thos. E. Ford, Attorney.

The county officers are nearly all residents of the city and some of them closely identified with the city's progress and development, but for some

reason, not clearly defined, failed to co-operate with the publishers of this work which received the support of fully three fourths of the business men and the approval of the press of Carlyle. The latter are tendered our sincere thanks for their kind consideration.

The newspapers have due notice and special mention in the columns of this work to which we add our lasting expressions of gratitude for their kindness.

Carlyle's future is full of promise and it remains unto her people to advance her material interests.

During our stay in the city we had the pleasure of witnessing a meeting of the "Old Settlers" of Clinton County. It was the eleventh annual meeting of the association and was quite in keeping with the old and new social conditions of this part of Illinois and of which Carlyle is the commercial center.

**ROBT. C. LAMBE, Attorney at Law, Mayor of Carlyle.**—The gentleman whose professional and public career form the immediate subject of our sketch is a native of the Emerald Isle. He came with his parents in early youth to this country and in subsequent years took a literary course and graduated at the Miami University, Ohio. He then entered the law office of Messrs. Buxton & White of this city. Having fully prepared himself in the legal field of theory and practice, he embarked into the profession of law, associating himself with Mr. W. W. White, an active and intelligent young attorney—a nephew of Judge A. H. White of this city. The subject of our sketch Mr. Robert C. Lambe has been a resident of Carlyle since 1880. He has held the position of Master of Chancery six years and was elected Mayor of Carlyle in 1893 for a term of two years, a position he now fills with great credit to himself and to the complete satisfaction of his fellow citizens. Mr. White, his associate, is located in the city of Denver Colo., where the firm maintain a law office and control a very fine clientage. Mr. Lambe is most favorably recognized in professional and court circles of Carlyle. In his official capacity he displays fine executive ability and is held in high esteem in social as well as business circles of Carlyle and throughout Clinton County. He is a member of the Masonic order, the K. of P. and Modern Woodmen of America.

**WHITE & BACON, Abstractors and Examiners of Titles, Real Estate and Loan Agents, Ninth Street, Opposite County Court House.**—A title, to be of any value, must be perfect, and should a transfer of property necessitate the examination of the title, it is always a wise policy to place the matter in the hands of reliable examiners. Such may be found in Messrs. White and Bacon, whose honorable and efficient record dates back nearly thirty years. The business had its inception in 1865 under the firm name of Wightman, Smith & Buxton and changed successively to Othick & Dew, Buxton White & Othick, Buxton & White, A. H. White, and finally to the present firm in March, 1892, Judge A. H. White being identified with the business since 1872. This firm's abstracts are the standard for the country. They have a most complete transcript of the Clinton County records, including the city of Carlyle and all other towns and cities of the county. Local and non-residents seeking abstracts may with perfect confidence and safety place their interests in this firm's hands and rely upon absolute accuracy on their reports. They are also real estate agents. Make collections and loan money on advantageous terms, executing all commissions entrusted to them with care and dispatch. Judge White was born and raised in the vicinity of Carlyle. He has been County Judge and has practiced law for many years in all the courts of the state, and is recognized authority on all questions involving the legal rights of property owners and investors in real estate. His associate Mr. Bacon was formerly connected with the office as clerk three years prior to the present co-partnership. He was born and raised in Carlyle and served on the Government Coast Survey five years. He holds the commission of Notary Public and is an active young business man.



**G. H. BERGER, Dealer in Pure Drugs, Medicines Chemicals, Paints, Oils, Glass, Perfumery, Soaps, Brushes, Combs, Notions, Etc.**—Was born in Monroe County, Illinois, on the 22d of August, 1854. His father, Matthew Berger, and his mother, nee Martha Andrews, were of German extraction. The father died when the subject of this sketch was still in infancy. During his early years he remained on the farm and received a common school education and at the age of twelve he became an apprentice in pharmacy under Dr. A. Wetmore of Waterloo, Ill. This was in 1863. He continued his studies two years and in 1870 after the death of his mother, his employer released him of his apprenticeship. He then went to St. Louis where he continued his studies in which he made rapid progress and was soon fitted for his chosen profession. In 1874 he was admitted as a qualified pharmacist upon examination before the St. Louis Board of Pharmacy and received a license to act as assistant in pharmacy in the state of Missouri. In 1875 he came to Carlyle where he established in business with his brother Matthew, under the firm name of Berger Brothers, engaged in the lines of drugs and medicines and boots and shoes. The location of the store being north side of Public Square. This en-

subject learned the printer's trade in St. Louis and was a compositor from 1862 until 1869. During the latter year he went to San Francisco, Cal where he also worked at his trade. Returning in 1872, Mr. Ruf came to Carlyle where he found employment in the office of the Clinton County "Pioneer" until 1876. He then established the Southern Illinois Zeitung a weekly paper, the only organ of the German population in Clinton county. In 1886 he purchased a half interest in the "Union Banner" in which Mrs. M. J. Peterson owned the other half, her husband having founded the paper in 1863. Subse-



terprise continued until 1879 when the lines of groceries and hardware were added to the business and their brother Henry Berger became connected with the firm, and together they prosecuted the business for a period of two years. This combination did not prove successful and as a consequence the grocery and hardware department was disposed of to the firm of Allen & Cook, the brother Henry retiring. Matthew and George continued under the original plan until 1890. In the meantime George married on June 26th, 1889, Miss Lizzie Klein, third daughter of Mr. Peter Klein. Now as a matter of expediency the firm dissolved on Aug. 3rd, 1890, and the brothers continued in their respective lines of business at separate stores, Mr. M. Berger remaining at the old stand on the north side Public Square with the boot and shoe department and Mr. G. H. Berger located his drug business on the adjacent corner, 9th and Fairfax streets, one of the most eligible business locations in the city. Mr. G. H. Berger is very popular among all classes of the community. He was City Treasurer and he is and has been a member of the City Council three terms.

**JOHN RUF, Editor and Proprietor, "Union Banner".**—The subject of this sketch was born in the Duchy of Baden, Germany, November 26, 1842 and came to America with his father in 1852. Mr. Ruf, first settled in St. Louis where the son John grew up to manhood receiving his education in the private schools of that city. Upon leaving school our



quently Mr. Ruf became sole proprietor in 1894. Politically, Mr. Ruf is a firm advocate of Republican principles. In April, 1861, when President Lincoln issued his first call for volunteers, the name of John Ruf was enrolled as a member of Company A Second Missouri Infantry; he was mustered out in the following August. In his social relations Mr. Ruf is identified with the K. of H., I. O. O. F., M. W. of A., A. O. U. W. and G. A. R. He is a quiet unassuming gentleman with a host of friends.

**GROSS BROS. & CO., Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, and Gent's Furnishing Goods, Etc.**—Fairfax Street Opposite Court House.—The facilities enjoyed by the people of Carlyle and vicinity for the purchase of the best the market affords in all lines of goods are equal in point of quality, variety and volume to any city in Southern Illinois. Among its business men, the reliable firm Gross Bros. & Co. occupy the front rank and bring to bear long experience and ability in the conduct of their business. The brothers Henry and John C. Gross took this business in 1891, a stand that had been occupied by their predecessor upward of thirty years before. The building has dimensions 35x60 feet, two stories, and is completely stocked with fine lines of dry-goods and notions, clothing and furnishings, hats and caps, boots and shoes etc. The display of goods inside and in the plate glass show windows is very attractive and the stock full and comprehensive in each department. Two polite and attentive sales people assist at the counters. This is one of the model stores of Southern Illinois and the leader in its line in the city of Carlyle. Mr. Henry Gross is a native of Cape Girardeau Mo. His brother John C. was born in the city of New Orleans La. but they are both residents of Carlyle since 1865. Henry has had an experience of seventeen years

in the lines represented and also in the grocery business. His brother although only three years connected with the present business displays a natural adaptability in the conduct of mercantile affairs. Their brother Albert F. Gross is proprietor of the "Big Corner Store".

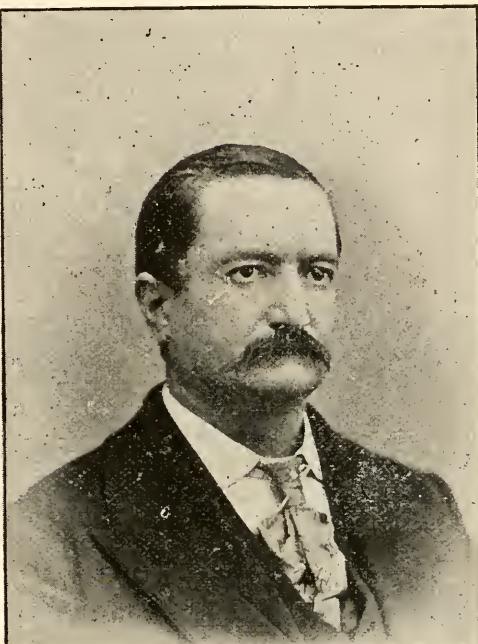
"BIG CORNER STORE" Retail and Wholesale, Albert F. Gross.—The commendable energy and business tact displayed by the merchants of the city of Carlyle is seen on every hand. A conspicuous representative of this element among them is found in the person of Mr. Albert F. Gross, proprietor of the Big Corner Store, located northeast corner Public Square. This enterprise was founded in 1883 under the firm name of Gross & Wade. In March 1894 Mr. Wade withdrew and Mr. Gross has continued the business with deservedly great success. The premises have a frontage of thirty-five feet on Fairfax street and a depth of one hundred and twenty feet, with basement of the same area. This immense store space is completely stocked with carefully selected lines of staple and fancy groceries, hardware, queensware, sporting goods and miscellaneous household commodities. Farm and garden products are also carried in stock during their seasons. Four assistants are employed. Mr. Gross has had twenty-two years experience in the business. He traveled eleven years for McCord, Nave & Co., wholesale grocers of St. Louis, Kansas City and Chicago and was also five years with the reliable old house of F. Smith & Son, St. Louis wholesale grocers. He was born in Old Cape Girardeau, Mo. and was raised in Carlyle of which he has been a resident since 1864. He was formerly a member of Western Commercial Travelers Asso-

er brothers are preparing themselves in the same noble profession. Dr. Gordon has four nephews practising physicians, two of whom, R. E. and T. B. Gordon studied medicine in his office. The doctor has himself been in active practice upwards of thirty years. He has paid special attention to diseases of women and children for the past fifteen years; also of the nose and throat. He took a two years course in medicine, 1866 to 1867 at the St. Louis Medical College and graduated in the latter



ciation. He now carries a policy for \$5000 insurance in Massachusetts Mutual Life Co. Springfield Mass. and owns five hundred shares valuable mining stock. He is an active, energetic and honorable man, self made in every respect and a public spirited citizen.

W. P. GORDON, M. D., East Side of Public Square.—The subject of our sketch is of Scotch-Irish extraction, the Scotch largely predominating. He was born in 1844 in the state of Mississippi and came north in 1863 to avoid the consequences of the rebellion and avail himself of the facilities for the study of the medical profession which he had determined to pursue through natural selection; members of his family for many generations back, had been physicians of prominence both in Edinburgh Scotland and in this country. His father and six brothers were physicians; the former is still living and actively engaged in the practice. Two young-



year. In 1877 he graduated from the Missouri Medical College with high honor and commenced practice in Ramsay, Fayette County, Ill. where he remained some time. He is a member of the National Association of Railroad Surgeons, Illinois State Medical Society, Central Illinois State Medical Society, Clinton County Medical Society and he is Surgeon for the B. & O. S. W. Railroad. He is an active Mason, thirty years, a member of and examining physician for the A. O. U. W. and M. W. of A. for the past five years. He is a charter member of the K. of P. and Home Forum of Carlyle; of the latter organization he is examining physician. He has recently become identified with the I. O. O. F. He is also an earnest member of the M. E. church and has been a communicant upwards of thirty years.

PARKER & SMITH, Manufacturers of Cornmeal, Flour and Ground Feed, Fairfax Street, West End. An important branch of industry in Carlyle is that of the manufacture of cornmeal, buck wheat, rye and graham flour and ground feed, which is well represented by the above firm. The business was founded September 1891, and since the start has enjoyed a liberal patronage. The firm use steam power, run one set of burrs and a Kelly Duplex, No. 3 crusher. The output is two hundred bushels wheat, two hundred bushels of meal and crushing from three hundred to five hundred bushels of feed daily. The plant covers an area 60x135 feet and it is completely equipped and carefully managed and is owned by the firm, whose members are Moses Parker and John G. Smith. Mr. Parker has been a resident of Carlyle since 1876. He was formerly traveling passenger agent for the C. & A. and Fort Scott and Gulf railroads and also

dealt in wire fencing, which latter business he is still interested in. Mr. Smith has been a resident twelve years. The firm handle the Champion Harvesting machines and occupy a warehouse for that purpose in another part of the city. They also do considerable business in all kinds of grain feed in which their facilities for procuring large supplies are equal to any demand made upon them. They are industrious, painstaking and strictly reliable in their business relations and the success of their enterprise is mainly due to these sterling business qualifications.

“CONSTITUTION AND UNION.”—In July, 1862, a stock company composed of the leading and influential Democrats of Clinton County was formed for the purpose of establishing a newspaper to advocate the principles of the party. James Barkley was chosen editor and business manager. He continued in charge of the paper for two years, when he was succeeded by Mr. Zophor Case, who conducted the paper for about ten years. The stockholders then secured the service of Alfred Padon to conduct the paper. He held control until May 1st, 1868, when the stockholders made arrangements with Hardin Case to take the office under a lease of five years. During the life of the lease Mr. Case purchased the stock of the “Constitution & Union” and thereby became sole owner of the paper. On the 1st of January, 1868, Geo. E. Doying was taken in as a partner, which continued until February, 1874, when John Schuester was admitted to

R. M. Shoupe, and together these gentlemen are at the present time engaged in editing and conducting this journal which is unquestionably one of the strong exponents of Democratic principles in this part of Illinois. It is also the official medium of the County of Clinton and the city of Carlyle. Mr. T. D. Shoupe has been a resident of Carlyle thirteen years; a native of Belleville St. Clair Co., Ill., he learned the printer’s and carpenter’s trades both at home and in the city of St. Louis. He was connected with the St. Louis Republic fifteen years. The work of a compositor becoming too trying upon his health he embarked in journalism and in 1861 removing to Tamaroa, Perry County Ill., publishing the “The True American” for a few months; subsequently in New Athens, St. Clair County, he edited and published the “New Athens Era” for several years and also served as town clerk and postmaster. Mr. Shoupe then returned to St. Louis and worked at the case in the office of the St. Louis “Republic” until 1881. Thus we have briefly outlined an honorable and industrious record of a self-made man and useful citizen. His son and business associate Mr. R. M. Shoupe is an intelligent young journalist whose accession to an interest in the paper has been fought with many advantages in the conduct of the business.

M. BERGER, Boots and Shoes.—A leading representative of this important business in the city of Carlyle had its inception in 1873, Mr. Berger inaugurating the enterprise and was joined by his brother Mr. G. H. Berger who added a drug department in 1875. The rapid expansion of this dual mercantile combination in time necessitated increased facilities and larger quarters. Accordingly in 1890 the brothers dissolved partnership and continued in their respective lines at separate locations. Mr. M. Berger remaining at the old stand on Fairfax street and his brother locating on an adjacent corner of the same street. Mr. Berger’s store is neatly and appropriately arranged and fit-



the firm. In 1876 Mr. Doying retired from the firm. The firm of Case & Schuester continued for nearly a year, when Schuester retired. On the first of January, 1880, a half interest in the paper was sold to M. E. Drum. The firm of Case & Drum continued until the 15th of June, 1881, when Drum’s interest was purchased by Case, and he continued the publication of the C. and U. until July 4th, 1881, when he sold it to Moore and Shoupe. This firm conducted the paper until July, 1885, when Moore sold his interest to R. H. Norfolk. Mr. Norfolk remained with the paper until his death, which occurred on January 3rd, 1892. In March, 1892, T. D. Shoupe purchased the interest of Mr. Norfolk and associated with him in the business as partner his son,



ted for the convenience of his patrons and the display of his goods, the latter comprising a very select line of ladies’, gentleman’s, youth’s and children’s foot wear in all grades and styles. He buys his stock from jobbers and manufacturers of national reputation. The store is eligibly located, in dimensions 20x50 feet and very attractive in appearance. He has one polite assistant. Mr. Berger has been a prominent resident of this city twenty-four years. He is a native of Monroe County Ill., and was formerly engaged in farming. He has held the position of City Treasurer and owns a comfortable residence.

**BANKING HOUSE OF RUFUS N. RAMSAY.** Farm Loans a Specialty, Cor. Franklin and Eighth Sts.—There is no single feature of our commercial system that plays a more important part in facilitating the transaction of business and in promoting safe investment than banking. Prominent among the leading banks of Illinois is that of Rufus N. Ramsay. The enterprise had its inception in 1871 under the firm name of Ramsay & Seiter and since their dissolution Mr. R. has conducted it with energy and sound judgment. Those in need of financial aid will find this bank prepared to make the most liberal terms, making advances on approved collateral, etc. Mr. Ramsay extends to customers every possible facility and convenience consistent with safe banking. Besides a thorough business training and long experience in commercial life, Mr. Ramsay has been clerk of Clinton County and held other positions of public trust and responsibility. He is now the Custodian of the State Treasury. He is interested in many important business enterprises. His bank holds a leading position among the solid and responsible financial institutions of the state and fully merits the confidence of the community and the wide popularity he has obtained in Southern Illinois. Mr. B. H. Niehoff is the cashier assisted by Mr. D. N. Nighswander, both gentlemen being well fitted for the important duties of their positions. The bank has correspondence with the La Fayette Bank of St. Louis and the Atlas National Bank of Chicago.

**HENRY HESS,** Foreign and Domestic Wines, Liquors and Cigars, also the Celebrated Cabinet, Keg and Bottled Beer, N. W. Corner Public Square.—It would be a difficult matter to find a public resort in Carlyle held in greater popularity than that of Mr. Henry Hess. The business was established by Mr. Hess in 1871 and by reason of his long residence in Carlyle which covers a period of upwards of forty years, he holds the confidence of all who know him. Mr. Hess has held positions of trust in the City Council and School Board and at one time published a newspaper. He conducts his business upon the most approved modern principles, with a view to supplying the best the market affords and thoroughly understands the requirements of his numerous patrons. His place is the resort of the leading citizens of Carlyle and is designed and fitted specially for their comfort and entertainment. Mr. Henry Bender is the manager and confidential assistant a gentleman of wide experience and business ability, who is very popular in the community. He is a native of Missouri, but has been a resident of Carlyle for a number of years. This house is the leading one in its line in Carlyle and handles the standard brands of bottled beer, notably A. B. C. Bohemian and A. B. C. Muenchener. Mr. Bender is a nephew of Mr. Hess. He is a director of the Carlyle Fishing and Hunting Club. He is also Vice Commander in the Grand Legion of the select Knights of America.

**CARLYLE FURNITURE COMPANY,** Dealers in Furniture, Car etc., Wall Paper, Window Shades, &c. and Undertaker.—The facilities enjoyed by the people of Carlyle and vicinity for the purchase of the best and most desirable grades of furniture, carpets, bedding, wall paper, window shades, curtains, etc. are unequalled, by reason of the existence here of such a live and progressive house as that of the Carlyle Furniture Co. This Company was organized and incorporated under the Illinois state law in 1886 with an ample capital and Mr. T. B. Volmer, as manager. At the start the manufacture of patent folding beds was a feature of the business but this was discontinued owing to freight discriminations. The premises occupied are large and commodious, having dimensions 50x120 feet two stories and conveniently arranged. The furniture ware rooms are on the first floor. In the latter is carried a very complete stock of caskets, coffins, funeral goods and supplies of all kinds. For conducting funerals they have the very best facilities including an experienced funeral conductor and elegant hearses. Mr. T. B. Volmer is a German by birth. He came to this country in 1867 and after remaining in New York a while came west locating in St. Louis and subsequently came here. He has been a resident of Carlyle for eighteen years and is recognized in business and social circles as a reliable merchant and a public spirited citizen. He has served three terms in the City Council.

**WILLIAM DEFFENDERFER,** Restaurant and Ice Cream Parlor, Fairfax Street, Opposite Court House.—This enterprise was established as recently as in April of the present year. It has already gained wide popularity by reason of the painstaking care in management coupled with the determination of the proprietor and his good lady to dispense only the best products of the market to their patrons and extend the most courteous attention to visitors at the establishment. The place is central and inviting. The stock carried is in all respects first-class, comprising pure ice cream, cakes and confections, cigars and tobacco, fresh bread and buns. In the restaurant is the menu supplied "a la carte." The place is the resort of the elite of Carlyle and vicinity. Mr. Wm. Deffenderfer is from Olney Ill. He is a railroad carpenter by occupation. His lady is the efficient manager of the restaurant and its success is due to her well directed efforts and its continued success is assured. Mr. Albert Simmons assists in the management. Miss Mattie, a daughter, is the saleslady and is quite popular with the patrons of the house.

**JOHN J. McGAFFIGAN,** Councillor at Law, City Attorney for Carlyle.—The progress of a community depends not so much on the natural advantages it offers as upon its members who advocate the principles of modern progress and development. Such is the subject of our sketch who was born in Lynchburg, Va., December 14th, 1852. He came with his family to Clinton County in early youth, and was reared in Irishtown Township, attending the schools of his neighborhood. In later years he was a student in Blackburn University, Macoupin County, Ill., and afterwards attended the Southern Illinois Normal School, Carbondale. His studies completed, he engaged in school teaching, an avocation he pursued for seven years. During the last year of this period he was superintendent of the schools of Carlyle. At the same time and one year subsequently he read law in the office of Messrs. Murray & Andrews of Carlyle. He was examined for admission to the Bar before the Appellate Court in February, 1886, and admitted before the Supreme Court at Mount Vernon, May 1st of the same year. Opening an office in Carlyle, Mr. McGaffigan has since conducted an extensive practice in law. In the spring of 1886 he was elected city attorney for Carlyle. He is a member of the Board of Education and has served as president of that body. Mr. McGaffigan devotes his attention to general practice and has an excellent knowledge of every phase of legal procedure. He is a gentleman of refinement and an honorable professional man and a public spirited citizen. In politics he is a staunch Democrat and has taken an active part in behalf of his party ever since he attained his majority. He has been a delegate to the County, Senatorial and State Conventions for a number of years. He was elected Chairman of the Democratic Central Committee of Clinton Co. in spring of 1892 and largely through his efforts perfected the most complete organization of his party in the county, which secured the largest plurality for it the county has ever given.

**MRS. JENNIE SHARP,** Books, Stationery, School Supplies, Etc.—A business occupation to which a lady is especially adapted, is that of dealing in books, stationery and kindred lines of goods. In this connection we take pleasure in passing favorable comment upon Mrs. Jennie Sharp's enterprise which came under her control two years ago by purchase from Mrs. E. B. Webster who preceeded her some twelve years in the conduct of the business. The stand is an eligible one on the east side of the Public Square. Mrs. Sharp carries a very select and highly diversified stock of goods, embracing the productions of popular authors, fine stationery, school books and supplies, artists materials, office supplies, toys, dolls, etc. She is a lady of education and manages her business with care and good judgment, resulting in securing for her wide popularity and success. Mrs. Sharp has been a resident of Carlyle nearly all her life and is highly esteemed in social as well as business circles. She has a lady assistant. The store is neat and inviting, conducted upon strict business principles and a decided convenience to the people of Carlyle and vicinity by reason of the great variety of useful and necessary articles offered for sale at reasonable prices.

**FRED. HEITMEIER.** Manufacturer and Dealer in Boots and Shoes; E. G. Heitmeier, Custom Boot and Shoemaker, South of the Public Square.—This old and reliable house was founded in 1834 and during the forty years of its existence the proprietor, Mr. Fred Heitmeier has steadily grown in the confidence and esteem of his patrons who are numbered among the leading citizens of Carlyle and vicinity. His stock is so highly diversified that the purchaser can always find a comfortable fit and have the assurance of best quality for money spent. Rubber foot wear is carried and a specialty is made of custom shoes for ladies and gents. A repair department is also maintained under his son Mr. E. G. Heitmeier, a gentleman of experience and skill in this branch of industrial art. The store fittings and shop equipment are very complete. Mr. Heitmeier bears the honor of being the oldest merchant manufacturer in Carlyle. He is a German by birth, but has been on American soil since 1845. He spent considerable time in St. Louis and New Orleans working at his trade before coming to Carlyle. During his residence here he has been closely identified with the city's commercial progress and development. He started business with a capital of \$50 and to-day he owns his place of business and considerable other property in Carlyle and a fine farm in the immediate vicinity. He has held the position of School Director, has been a member of the Town Board several terms and County Supervisor two years. He is a Mason and an active member of the K of H.—a public spirited citizen and an enterprising merchant. His son, Mr. E. G. Heitmeier, who is mentioned in the context is a young tradesman of ability and skill. He learned the shoemaker's craft under his father's guidance and has been in business on his own account since 1888, occupying a portion of his father's store. He has attained a wide reputation for excellent work and has met with deservedly great success. He is industrious and energetic and owns a comfortable residence. He was born and raised in Carlyle and is a member of the M. W. of A.

**CARLYLE STAVE CO.** J. S. Patterson, Manager.—This business was established two years ago under the firm name of Whitney & Patterson. Mr. G. A. Whitney sold his interest in June of the present year, to Mr. Patterson. The plant is located on the east bank of the Kaskaskia near the B. & O. S. W. railroad. The mills and yards cover an area of five acres. The mills are supplied with a complete modern equipment, including two separate boiler batteries aggregating 105 horse-power and all necessary improved machinery utilized in the manufacture of staves and hoops, rims, hubs and spokes, also hardwood lumber. The raw material is obtained in the forests skirting the old Kaskaskia river south of Vandalia. Elm is the wood mostly used. From twenty-five to thirty hands are employed and the closest inspection is given to all the work turned out. Mr. Patterson gives his personal attention to details and the reputation of the house is steadily gaining in the estimation of those in need of its products. The principal markets are St. Louis and Kansas City Mo. for hoops and staves; hubs, rims and spokes go eastward. The plant's capacity daily amounts to 30000 hoops, 30000 staves, 100 sets of rims and 3000 hubs; the latter product however, is only manufactured during the winter season. Mr. Patterson the manager prides himself upon his ability to promptly supply every demand made upon his house and quotes prices that defy the sharpest competition. He is from Defiance Ohio, where he was formerly engaged in the manufacture of hickory rims for buggies. His enterprise is one of the most useful industries in Southern Illinois and a most potent factor in Carlyle's progress. Mr. John Behner, junior partner in the business, is a gentleman of extended experience in the lumber manufacture and widely known to the lumber men of the west. He has the overseeing of the saw-mill.

**JOHN WADE,** Police Magistrate.—The gentleman whose name heads this sketch is a Pennsylvanian by birth and education. He has been a resident of Carlyle since 1847 and enjoys the distinction of being one of her oldest and best known officials. He is a mechanic by trade and for a period after his ar-

rival in this city was engaged in farming in the vicinity. Mr. Wade's first official position was that of Justice of the Peace, to which office he was elected in 1869 at Buxton Ill., and subsequently in the city of Carlyle both as Justice of the Peace and the position he now holds, that of Police Magistrate; his official duties in the latter covering a period of over twenty years. Mr. Wade owns a farm eight miles north of Carlyle besides his residence and other property in the city. He is a public spirited citizen, an efficient officer and a popular man. He is closely identified with the development and progress of his adopted city. He is a fearless advocate of political reform in low as well as in high governmental circles.

**O. G. SINCLAIR,** Merchant Tailor, Fairfax Street.—Among the representatives of merchant tailoring who have contributed largely to the elevation of the taste of the people of Carlyle and vicinity to what constitutes the correct modes in wearing apparel we make mention of Mr. O. G. Sinclair who established business here in 1878. From its inception his enterprise has been conducted with such good judgment that it has gained for him a wide reputation and he is the most popular in his line in this city. Mr. Sinclair was born and raised at Bellaire, Ohio. He learned his trade in St. Louis. He employs two assistants constantly and more during the busy seasons. He carries a select stock of fine woolens and suitings of American and imported English, French and German fabrics, embracing the newest styles and patterns as well as the standard goods generally in demand by those more conservative in their dress. Mr. Sinclair is also agent for the celebrated Kohrnoor Laundry of Vincennes, Ind., and Lungstras Dying establishment of St. Louis. He owns a house and lot in Lower Carlyle and half a block in Upper Carlyle and his residence. He is a member of the School Board, a member of the select Knights of America and of the A. O. U. W.

**M. BARKLEY,** Teacher of Music.—In this age of refinement and culture the "art divine" is a legacy handed down from the early masters well worthy of the highest consideration. Mr. Barkley's unique methods and original conceptions in teaching are entirely new and decidedly effective in preparing a pupil to comprehend the inspiring influence of tone and harmony and in training vocal powers to a perfect control of compass and pure symphony. In the mechanical execution through the medium of musical instruments the same is faithfully imparted to the pupil. His pupils entering other schools invariably pass satisfactory examination. Their training is graduated from fixed principles which are akin to mathematical perfection and where fully understood are the key to success in the musical art. Schools for musical instruction are usually conducted upon the class plan but Mr. Barkley gives only individual instruction, by lessons. His studio is at his residence. He was born at Georgetown, Ky., and raised in Carlyle where he has had his home since 1861. His first occupation in life was teaching school. He was first assistant, his father being the principal in the public school of Carlyle while yet in his teens and afterwards was principal of Jackson Academy in Jackson Mo. county seat of Gasconade county. His preliminary education was obtained in the public schools. Further than that he is self educated and has always inclined to the study of music in which he has become eminently proficient. He is Chief Forester and Musical Director of the local lodge, M. W. of A. He is the bosom friend of Fred. Lax, the celebrated soloist of Sousa's Band. Mr. Barkley handles pianos, organs and other musical instruments, also sheet music and musical merchandise generally.

**J. M. YUNKER,** Dealer in Lumber, Lath, Doors, Sash and Blinds; Paints, Oils and Lime, Fairfax Street West End.—The lumber interests of a growing town are of such an important character that to slight their mention would seriously injure our record in this review of the commercial affairs of Southern Illinois. The city of Carlyle has several representatives in the lumber business, but none that hold higher rank for efficiency and commercial standing than the establishment of Mr. J. M. Yunker. This enterprise had its inception at the village of Breese in 1859. Removal was made to this city fifteen years ago and with a wider field for business development, Mr. Yunker has scored a gratifying success. His yards and residence on Fairfax street in the west end cover half a city block in area. The yards are well stocked with lumber in the rough and dressed, lath, shingles, doors, sash and blinds, builders' materials, paints, oils, lime, cement, etc. He contemplates removal to more commodious quarters. Employment is given to two experienced assistants and one lumber team. Mr. Gus. Yunker, a son of the principal, assists in the management. Besides being the owner of the property occupied for business and residence purposes, Mr. Yunker is the possessor of several fine grain farms in the vicinity of Carlyle. He was formerly engaged in the contracting and building business, and he is recognized as a business man of ability and wide experience.

**HENRY F. HEITMEIER,** Manufacturer of Harness and Saddlery, and Dealer in a General Line of Horse Goods; Carriage Trimming and Fine Work a Specialty, South Side of Square.—Mr. Heitmeier has attained a wide reputation for excellent work and fair dealing. His store and shop are well stocked and fitted with every convenience. The specialty of this house is the manufacture to order of anything in the line of harness-making at very reasonable prices. Mr. H. is an adept harness maker, having done journeyman's work in the prominent St. Louis' houses of Hammel Harness Co., Wm. Hammane Saddlery Co., and others of equal note. He established the business in Carlyle sixteen years ago and has achieved well deserved success. He was born and raised in Carlyle. His father, an old citizen, is engaged in the boot and shoe industry. Mr. H. is an enterprising merchant and a public spirited citizen, a member of the A. O. U. W. and the K. of H. His success is due to care and skill in the conduct of his business and the exercise of honorable methods in his relations with patrons.

**WM. SIPPEL,** Manufacturer of Cigars, Corner Fairfax and 12th Street.—A leading representative of the cigar industry in the city of Carlyle is the reputable house of Wm. Sippel. The enterprise had its inception as far back as 1877, when Mr. Adam Sippel established the business and conducted it until his death; his son William, the present proprietor, succeeding him October 11th, 1893. The business had flourished under the father's direction and the son, trained to the business under his guidance, has with equal energy achieved well deserved success. Employment is given to three experienced cigar makers, Mr. Sippel personally supervising the product of the factory. Prior to embarking in the business on his own account he worked in both eastern and western factories. Mr. Sippel uses only the best imported and domestic leaf and is prepared at all times to duplicate the finest brands put upon the market. He makes special brands to order for the trade and controls an extensive regular business in the city of Carlyle and vicinity. He owns the factory and a handsome residence. He is a K. of P. and a member of the Cigar Makers' International Union.

**FRED. FEULNER,** Dealer in Hardware, Stoves, Tinware, Copper and Sheet Iron Ware, Cutlery, Etc. Fairfax Street, Between 9th and 10th Streets.—This reliable house was founded in 1884 by its present proprietor Mr. Fred. Feulner who is a practically experienced copper and tin smith. Prior to embarking in business here, Mr. Feulner worked at his trade in Hannibal and Clarksville Mo. He is a German by birth but was raised in Clinton County Ill. He has been on American soil since 1868 and has always been industrious and frugal hence his deservedly great success in business. The premises occupied for business purposes, comprise a

substantial two story building 24x64 feet in dimensions the ware room and store being on the ground floor and the tin shop up stairs. He employs one assistant constantly and some times additional workmen are needed during busy seasons. Mr. Feulner is connected with the Carlyle Canning Company. He is an enterprising merchant and public spirited citizen who takes an interest in all measures conducive to the improvement of the city of Carlyle. He is a member of the C. K. of I.

**BRIGGS & ROBINSON,** Carlyle Saw Mill and Stave Factory. What may be termed the secondary industries of Southern Illinois are growing to such dimensions and importance that they require many prominent firms and an army of men to meet the demand for their products. This is especially true of that which passes under the general title of cooperage supplies. The firm of Briggs & Robinson are prominent in this line. The business had its inception years ago under the firm name of Abbott & Case. The present firm took control in 1889 and after adding many improvements to the plant have established business connections through which they can readily dispose of their entire product. This embraces, manufactured hardwood lumber, barrel headings, staves and dimension timber. The plant is in all respects complete and operated by a 30 h. p. steam engine and employs a force of fifteen experienced hands. The firm own twelve acres of land, five acres of which is covered by their plant and yards. They obtain their supply of raw material from the hardwood forests in the Kaskaskia valley south of Vandalia and raft the logs to there gang-ways at the mill. The daily output of this plant is upwards of 15000 feet. Mr. C. F. Briggs is an Englishman by birth, but has been in America fifty-six years. He has traveled extensively in the south. Mr. E. Robinson is a resident of Venice Ill. He is a represented in the active conduct of the business by his brother Mr. J. C. Robinson. Mr. J. W. Robinson a son of the junior partner is the foreman of the mills.

**JOSEPH W. MADDUX,**—The subject of this sketch is a native of Clinton County, born September 16th, 1825. His father, Zachariah Maddux, of Georgia emigrated to these parts before Illinois was admitted to the Union and was subsequently a member of the first state legislature. He was a regularly ordained minister of the M. E. church; our subject was the youngest of a family of seven children. After the death of his parents, Joseph W. Maddux was reared in the family of his cousin, Oliver Maddux. He received as good an education as the pioneer schools of fifty years ago could impart. He remained in the country at work upon the farm until 1847 when he went north into Minnesota, from thence in 1850 associated with others traveled by the overland route to Oregon, remaining five years on the Pacific coast mining in Northern California two years. In October, 1855, he returned to his native heath and engaged in the lumber business in Carlyle; the first establishment of the kind in this city. Mr. Maddux afterwards embarked in the merchandising business, buying and shipping grain and dealing in agricultural implements. During the past thirty years of his business life he has represented fire Insurance companies. He has been agent for the Aetna Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford Conn., since 1860. He has been a member of the Town Council and of the Board of Education. Also Postmaster of Carlyle. Under President Harrison's administration he received the appointment of Government Meat Inspector at East St. Louis. He has been Chairman of the Republican Central Committee twenty years. He is custodian of the public scales.

**OTTO RINK,** Dealer in Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and Diamonds.—The leading representative in the line of jewelry in Carlyle is Mr. Otto Rink who established his business here in 1880. His residence of fourteen years at the County Seat has made him familiar with the demands and requirements of a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He occupies an attractive store on Fairfax street, north side public square and in all respects his establishment has a complete stock and equipment. Mr. Rink is from Lebanon where he learned his trade with Fred. Pesold. He is recognized as an expert in his line, combining artistic taste and rare skill. He is a member of several social organizations.

**H. C. NORCROSS**, Wholesale Produce Dealer and Shipper, Eggs, Poultry and Game, Etc.—Eighth Street, Opposite County Court House.—In the history of our modern commercial systems, within recent years particularly, may be noticed many unique and original features of development. These may be traced to individual enterprise and business foresight, or originate in speculative mercantile combinations. In either case they are powerful elements in the promoting of commercial activity. A case in point has come under our notice among the younger circle of merchants in the thriving city of Carlyle. Mr. H. C. Norcross, yet a minor, has with commendable energy embarked in business on his own account since 1890, as a wholesale dealer in and shipper of the important products of the field and farm, embracing eggs, poultry and game. His plan is unique, as he makes the merchant from whom he buys the middle man and thereby relieves the latter of the bur-



den of storage and sale, keeping a close watch on market values and disposing of his stock in trade to the dealer at home, who is otherwise engaged and also supplying promptly to those in adjacent towns who are not familiar with market questions. By this means the merchant's producer's and the dealer's respective interest are promptly and carefully subserved and a wider field for business operations created. The consumer obtaining an ample supply of fresh commodities at a moderate cost. Mr. Norcross is also sole agent for and deal-

er in the Standard Oil Co's products and handles all the popular makes of the bicycle, in which latter department of his business he is the leading exponent in this part of the state, being himself an expert bicyclist and authority on the use and management of the silent "steed." He exhibits samples of the different styles for both ladies and gentlemen at his place of business and has facilities for making repairs and furnishing supplies when needed. Mr. Norcross' wide acquaintance and popularity among all classes of the community has induced the publishers of the leading newspapers east and west to secure his services as their representative in Carlyle notably, the Republic, St. Louis Chronicle, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Chicago Herald, Chicago Tribune, Chicago Inter-Ocean, New York Herald and Cincinnati Inquirer. He is also editor of the "Union Banner" of Carlyle, a local journal of considerable merit. Mr. Norcross was born and raised in this city. He is an active member of the K. of P. and the M. W. of A. He is not yet twenty-one years old but displays the energy and tact in business and social life that belongs to a man of middle age. He embarked in business at the age of sixteen years. Mr. Norcross, by permission refers to the following prominent business men and citizens of Carlyle, Rufus N. Ramsay, Charles P. Norris, G. C. Barkley.

**PETER HATTERSHIRE**, Proprietor, Commercial Hotel, Corner 8th and Franklin Streets.—Few, if any of the special features of the city play a more important part than the hotel. The Commercial Hotel occupies buildings originally designed for residence and mercantile purposes but subsequently remodeled for hotel accommodation. They occupy an area 50x100 feet. Mr. Hattershire has had wide experience in hotel keeping and kindred occupations. Personally he is eminently qualified in hotel management. In disposition he is patient and quiet, in demeanor gentlemanly and pains-taking in his efforts to please. He also devotes some of his spare time to other occupations, notably that of bill posting in which he is an adept. He is also interested in the logging industry on the Kaskaskia river. He has traveled extensively and is in all respects a practical self made business man and a popular citizen.

## NASHVILLE.

A short ride of a few hours out from St. Louis brings us to Nashville the county seat of Washington County, located at the junction of the Louisville & Nashville and the Centralia & Chester roads. This city is one of the oldest in the State and was settled at first about 1822 and was regularly incorporated under a special charter about the time of the passage of the general incorporation law some twenty years ago. The county seat has had several changes, having been located at first at Covington, next at Georgetown and lastly at its present site, Nashville.

A sketch in regard to the efforts made in establishing the county seat will be of interest.

Jacob Thurman, Reuben Middleton and Leaven Maddux were authorized by the act forming Washington county to examine and locate the county seat of the county. They met in the house of James Bankson, on Ashley creek, in what is now Clinton county, March 2 1818. Their report says; "and considering the importance of said site being planted on the margin of a navigable stream as near the centre of the present and future population of the said county as is consistent with expediency and justice." They declared it should be established and located on the site on which the old town of Covington was afterward laid out on the Kaskaskia river some ten miles north of Nashville. There was no town there and the first circuit

and justice courts were held at the house of Capt. James Bankson. Zachariah Maddux and David Pierce were appointed agents for the county, "to call on the proprietors of the land on which the county seat had been located to get title to the land promised as a donation." The justice court met on July 13, 1818 at Bankson's, received the conveyance from the agents, adjourned to meet at Covington, met there July 15, 1818, where justice courts were held until June 6, 1831.

How many of the present inhabitants of Washington County know anything about the county seat ever having been located at Georgetown! In 1827 the county was divided and Clinton County was formed from the north end of Washington County. Covington was so near the dividing line of the two counties that the removal of the county seat was provided for by the appointment by the legislature of Campbell Gilmore, William Farris and another whose name is not known, as commissioners to permanently locate "the seat of justice on sections 19 and 20, T. 2, S. R. 3 W., centering near the line of said sections at a pole put up about 45 yards east of two wells on section 19," provided Thighman II. West, who owned the land, would give not less than 20 acres to the county for public buildings and if West refused to come down with 20 acres, then they located the county seat on the southwest quarter of section 17, T. 2 S. R. 3 W.;

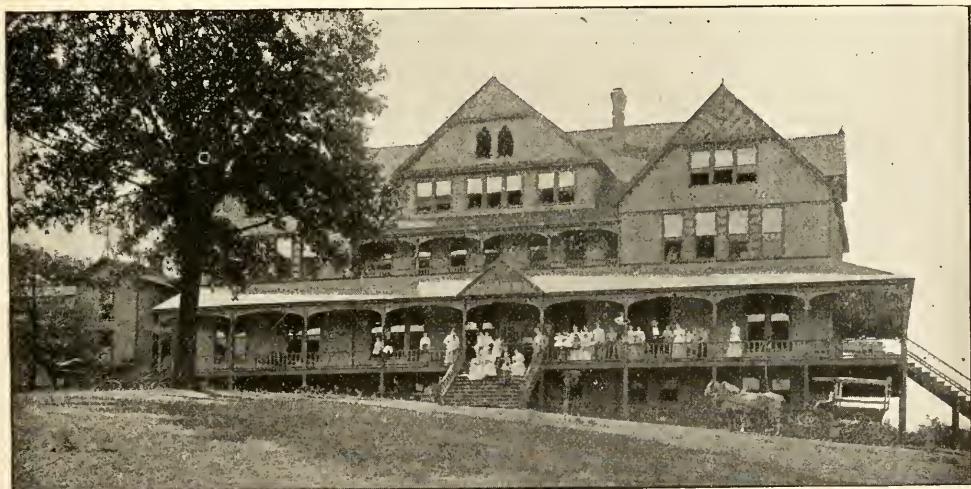
belonging to John Hutchins, who promised to deed the county 20 acres for public building. He was not willing to risk anything and kept the deed in his own possession until the county employed William Moore, a surveyor of St. Clair County and laid off the town in regular order. The town was laid out, lots sold on the 13th day of September, 1827, after which Hutchins appeared before the commissioners court in Covington March 3, 1828 and delivered his deed. The sale of lots realized \$168, as shown by the record. The names of the purchasers were William Ayers, Daniel Ashley, Cyrus Sawyer, William Middleton, Benjamin Nelson, Chas. McCord, Joseph Knyon and James Sawyer. There was no court house or any other public building there and when Judge Smith came to hold court in March, 1829, he went to Georgetown, found a pole standing and a well dug, but no house and he abandoned Georgetown forever. In August following the circuit court was held at Covington by Judge Thomas C. Browne and the terms were held there until May 1831. No circuit court was held in the county from the May term 1831, until October 1, 1832 at which time the record shows the first term of the circuit court was held in Nashville.

The Georgetown location never did please any considerable number of the inhabitants and there arose great contention between the east and the west settlements, as Beaucoup and Elkhorn were then known. The agitation and contention resulted in the "county seat question" becoming a disturbing element in the county. From 1828 to 1830 the contention was very great about a re-location. The land on which the town is located belonged to the government and the friends of the now city of Nashville did not have the money to purchase it. David Pullian, a farmer and stock raiser living three miles south, was the only man of the party able to raise \$100 at any time. He was

name of the capital of the state from whence they came with the word "New" prefixed, "New Nashville."

At that time there was not a house in town. John Morgan, the father of H. P. H. and Sol. Morgan lived on the hill as you cross the creek coming from Ashley to Nashville and had a farm of less than 10 acres fenced and in cultivation. The proprietor of the new town deeded about one-half of lots to the county and offered to deed a lot free to the wife of the man that built the first house in town. When this was made known it was not long until a race for the first house in Nashville took place between Orcenith Fisher and Sam. K. Anderson. Fisher commenced building a frame building on lot 1, block 6, south of the court house, while Anderson selected lot 8 in the same block on which he arranged to build a log house. The work was prosecuted with all the possible energy and Anderson was successful in finishing his log cabin first by purchasing an old log cabin from Robert Burns and hauling it in, but its size was not such as to accommodate a very large family of ordinary men and children 6 feet high. Fisher completed a very comfortable frame house, two stories high in the year 1830. He contested Anderson's claim for the lot and Brown and Middleton decided in his favor, holding that the house of his rival was not a "house," within terms of the offer. David Ramsey and London Parks, a colored man erected the next dwelling house in the town.

On the 25th day of June, 1831 the county commissioners contracted with Thomas L. Moore for the building of a court house on the public square in town under which contract Moore erected the old frame court house, then a model one, but if used now would be entitled to the first premium for the worst arranged court room in the wide world. The old court house remained on the square until



CARLSBAD SPRINGS HOTEL.

waited on by his neighbors and urged so strongly to go to Kaskaskia and purchase the land, that he became irritated with the annoyance and finally in his own peculiar and very positive manner pulled off his old white wool hat and threw it down saying at the time, "I wouldn't give that old white hat for all that town will ever make." Robert Middleton and William G. Brown, of St. Clair County, men of considerable means were finally persuaded to purchase the land. On the 11th day of January 1830, the purchase was made by them and in March following the town was laid out by A. W. Casad, surveyor. David White, Joseph Witteburg and Livesay Carter were commissioners for the county and by permission of Middleton and Brown they named the new seat of justice. Carter and Witteburg were from the State of Tennessee and at their instance the town was called by the

year 1840 when it was sold by the county to George W. Lee and removed to the lot northwest of the public square where it served as a dwelling for Lee and family until he removed to California in 1852. The county commissioners on the 1st day of April, 1840 contracted with Malachi Jenkins, father of David E. Jenkins for the erection of a new court house according to a plan furnished by Harvey Nevill, who lived in Chester. The price agreed to be paid for the building was \$4385. The building was erected on the site occupied by the old one, with offices on the second floor and the court room on the ground floor and then changed to another model in 1855 by the county court, which last is now superseded by the new building erected A. D. 1884.

The town improved rapidly from March, 1840, when it was laid out up to 1833 when it contained four families on the original plat, March 12th, 1833,

**John D. Wood, David Ramsey, George W. Lee, plain, and London Parks, colored, were the heads of families in town. Y. H. Verner moved in, making the fifth family. O. Fisher was residing near the west boundary of town and Nicholas Darter on the way where Mrs. Wood lived. There was one well and spring in town from which all procured a supply of water.**

Nashville in 1830 was not what it now is by considerable. The public square was mostly covered with a thick growth of hazel brush. On the highest part of the square there was a wolf den in a hazel patch out of which in the year 1829 was taken five young prairie wolves. The badgers or some burrowing animal first dug holes in the ground and afterwards the wolves took possession and lived therein. The den was about three feet deep, was dug out at an angle of 45 degrees and was visible for years after the public square was laid out and the old court house built thereon. When the following court house was built the west wall was placed on the original site of this spot where the wolves held undisputed sway and tore and destroyed lambs and other innocent, harmless things.

There are many other historical matters connected with Nashville which we have not the space to enumerate here and we will content ourselves with a brief reference to a few of the trials and difficulties of the early settlers. In contrast with the modern mills of the Huegely Milling Co. the facilities for getting bread stuff in an early day in the county consisted of a log with the end burned out (for want of any better tools to round it out with) for a mortar and a wooden mallet for a pestle was the first machinery for grinding meal and making hominy. Each family was provided with one of those instruments which was indispensable in every man's household. They were exempt from sale on execution and in no case were they ever taxed by the assessor. As soon as a half dozen families were settled within the scope of ten miles some one would put up a band mill which were small affairs capable of supplying from two to six bushels of meal per day. This was found to be too hard work and those mills were superseded by the cog wheel horse mill which was some improvement on the other.

Horse mills were plentier then than steam mills are now. Every man owning a horse mill in a neighborhood was considered as one of the first families, was influential and was always taken as security on notes at administrators' sales without further recommendation. If he lived in a house with one large room in it they usually had preaching at his house. Those mills were superseded by tread mills which were some improvement but were not profitable because of the amount of capital required to be invested in cattle and horses for motive power and the feed required in winter to keep up the stock.

**Steam Mills.** The first steam mill ever built in the country was built in 1831 or 1832 by James McClurkin on Mud Creek. The boiler was very like a wash kettle with a smoke stack stuck behind it than anything else to which it could be compared. The engine was quite simple in its construction consisting of a box steam tight with a pipe leading to it from the boiler through which the steam passed into the box striking the arms of a wheel revolving in the box producing a revolving motion of the wheel therein, on the same principle that the water produces motion in an over or undershot water mill wheel. There was no intermission of the escaping steam, the noise being a continued whizzing of steam coming from the escape pipe. This mill was burned down in 1836 or 1837 and was never rebuilt. Robert Murphy, John T. Watts and John Alexander built the next mill in this county in or near Nashville. It remained here on the land owned by D. E. Jenkins until about 1840 or 1841 when the owners removed it six miles southeast of town east of Beaucoup Creek on the old mud prairie road, where it remained until it burned down in 1851 or 1852. The reason for removing it from Nashville was the want of water. It never occurred to the owners that by expending a few hundred dollars in a dam after the manner of John Huegely and Sawyer, McCracken & Co., a never failing supply of water could be obtained. Notwithstanding these

mills many trips were made to the water mills at Carlyle and Kaskaskia and most of the flour was procured at Belleville from Harrison's mills.

The only means of traveling in the early days was on horseback. This mode was then the only one for more than one reason. The light wagon of the present day was unknown. The only vehicle was the heavy wooden wheeled cart or wagon, the wheels of which were made by sawing a block from two to four inches thick from a log and putting a hole in the centre for an axle. The weight of this carriage was too great to permit of hasty flight on the approach of Indians. It was an impediment none desired to be encumbered with when roads and bridges, such as we have now, were unknown and the face of the country was such from drains at some points and marshes at others that it was impossible to have gone any considerable distance with even one of the carriages or wagons of the present day. The mail was carried from Kaskaskia to Post Vincent now Vincennes on horseback requiring from four to eight days to make the trip.

Coming down to the present day Nashville has many of the adjuncts of a modern city. Its population now numbers from 2500 to 3000; the denominations of its houses of worship are, Presbyterian, Southern Methodist, Northern Methodist, Baptist, German Lutheran, German Methodist, German Evangelical and Catholic. It has an electric light plant, supplying incandescent and arc lights to the city, residences and stores, two large flour mills and pretty much every line of business is represented in its stores. The civic societies are well represented, one or two of which have the handsomest lodge rooms in the state outside of Chicago.

As we aim to present facts and conditions as we find them, that being the sole object and purpose of our publication, truth and candor compels us to state that of the two flour mills now located at Nashville, only one of them, the Huegely mill, is a strictly home institution, built up by men who are natives and life long residents of this place and which is preferred and supported in every way in preference to the other which is using Nashville only as a convenient place to do its business, its headquarters being in St. Louis at which place its business is transacted. Nashville forms no part of its calculations in the production of flour and meal as its officers plainly told us, but they are located there solely for convenience and the making of money and not for their health or the benefit and elevation of the business and industries of Nashville.

The city is situated on a high plateau which lifts it up from the region of malaria. It still lacks some of the comforts of the larger cities in the way of water works and street cars, though with a little more enterprise the latter could be easily supplied with motive power from its electric light plant.

The principal street of the city is Main street, a wide well paved thoroughfare on which the court house is situated, and its residence streets branch out from this centre to the four points of the compass and it is not surpassed by any city of its size in the state in its number of beautiful residences. Here also, a short distance from the city proper, is situated the celebrated Carlsbad Hotel, an elegant and well appointed hostelry which is the only hotel in the place worthy of the name; it is some little distance from the business centre but the company will send its bus out and back with its patrons to all trains. There is some talk of another hotel being built soon in the centre of town but no steps have yet been taken toward that end. The traveler must take pot luck at the balance of the places to be found in town with common boarding house fare and close stuffy rooms, which are sure sleep destroyers on hot nights.

The city has several newspapers published in English and German. The hard times have struck the town particularly hard and at the present time business is largely at a standstill.

**NASHVILLE MINERAL SPRINGS COMPANY.**—This is an incorporated stock company composed of the public spirited citizens of Nashville and under its charter it has erected the Carlsbad Hotel and an electric light plant. The electric light plant has been established about one year and furnishes electric lights to the Carlsbad Hotel and the city of Nashville. The city is lighted with arc lights and the residences and stores and public halls with 500

incandescent. The capacity at present is 750 incandescent lights and 40 arc lights. The stockholders are all residents of Nashville and are, C. M. Foreman, president; W. W. Watts, secretary; F. S. Bach, treasurer, and H. H. Hosmer, vice-president. The business houses are adopting the light right along but the company are prepared to keep pace with the growth of the demand. Mr. Wm. Kerr is the engineer in charge of the plant with Mr. Henry Hake second engineer. Mr. Kerr is proud of the fact that the plant has never had a shut down for nine months. The plant is located on the company's property in close proximity to the Carlsbad Hotel.

**CARLSBAD HOTEL.**—This commodious and elegant structure was built and opened for guests on the 15th of August, 1893, with 30 completely furnished rooms in the latest style with druggists, etc. It is lighted by electricity, steam heat, electric bells and with the best sanitary plumbing. It is situated in a natural park of 23 acres on the banks of the Carlsbad Lake and the park is lighted by a number of arc lights. The country is beautiful in the vicinity and abounds in delightful drives; there is also boating and fishing on the grounds. Outside of the mineral water the water from the lake, which is first filtered and then pumped to a supply reservoir, affords an abundant supply for lavatory purposes. Its special feature, however, is its mineral water which so nearly approaches the famous Carlsbad waters of Europe, that it has been called the American Carlsbad water. A few years ago the people were carrying away these waters in buckets and barrels and using them with great success for various complaints. The attention of a number of local gentlemen was attracted to them and their virtues were so pronounced that a company was formed in the city of Nashville which purchased the land on which the springs are situated and the result is the fine structure now erected fitted out with bath rooms for hot and cold baths, with shower and separate apartments for ladies and gentlemen; each department has separate cooling and dressing rooms heated by steam. This resort is only 50 miles from St. Louis on the Louisville & Nashville and Chester & Centralia railroads. Every room in the hotel is now occupied and the management has met with such success that they are going to build an addition of from 40 to 50 rooms more when this season closes. Mr. W. S. Ilsey is the gentlemanly manager who looks after the comfort and convenience of the guests. He is an active wide-awake man and guests can depend on prompt attention. He is well supported in his efforts by a corps of efficient help. The hotel bus meets every train and guests are driven at once to the grounds.

**HUEGELY MILLING COMPANY.**—This well known milling company is conducted under a co-partnership, is not incorporated, and is strictly a Nashville concern. It was established in 1853 by the elder John Huegely, a man of indomitable energy and perseverance, and has been running continuously since. John Huegely, Sr., the founder of the mill, is in his 75th year and is still living and in good health, a resident of Nashville, greatly honored by its people. The mill itself is a brick building with an elevator of 65,000 bushels capacity and is fitted up with all the modern appliances and machinery. Its capacity is 500 barrels of flour per day. Its cooperage turns out about from 1200 to 1500 barrels per week. Its product from the famed Southern Illinois wheat is shipped all over the country and they do some exporting to Liverpool, Belfast, Glasgow, Dublin and Antwerp. The employees number from 34 to 35 including the cooperage. Wheat now is lower than it ever has been,  $\frac{4}{5}$ ¢ on July 31st. The company are manufacturers of roller process flour, bran, middlings, etc., and the product is celebrated in such brands as "Huegely's Best," "Washington," "Huegely's Eagle" and the "Lily of Egypt." The two brothers, quite young men, John Huegely, Jr., and Julius Huegely, are natives of Nashville and have had a thorough business training from their father. Mr. Theo. L. Reuter, their brother-in-law, is a native of Germany and has been in this country since 1844, here since 1867, having been connected with the mill since 1869. He is Secretary of the Board of Education, which position attests his standing in the community. He is also a member of the Grand

Army, Mr. John Huegely, Jr., is a member of the A. O. U. W.

**WATTS & WATTS, Attorneys.**—The pride and glory of the American people is its courts of justice, its fearless and upright judges and the proper and dignified administration of the law. The members of the Bar who become officers of the court when admitted to practice contribute their share also to this end. There is no better known nor influential firm in Nashville than the law firm of Watts & Watts, composed of J. A. Watts and W. W. Watts, brothers. They are both well read in their profession and keep up with latest decisions. Their library of reference is a large one to which they are constantly adding the newest works. Mr. J. A. Watts is a native of Nashville and has resided here for about 42 years. Mr. W. W. Watts has been in practice for the past three years, being admitted to the Bar by the Supreme Court at Mt. Vernon. He attended college at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. and is a member of the Masons.

**T. F. BRINK, Dry Goods, Clothing, Gents Furnishings, Notions and General Merchandise, 104 E. Main Street.**—One of the stores to favorably impress one on a visit to Nashville is that of Mr. Brink. Mr. Brink carries a fine stock of general merchandise and is keeping it up to date with new and fresh supplies. The business was established eight years ago by his predecessors and three years ago he took in a partner, but for the last two years he has been alone. He usually carries a stock of from \$10,000 to \$12,000. He has three employees and does a business of \$32,000 per annum. He makes a specialty of dry goods and clothing and does a strictly retail business. Mr. Brink is the pioneer of clot'ing in Nashville and this important feature alone ought to be sufficient to keep him the bulk of the trade and the custom of people who expect sound equivalent in return for their money. Mr. Brink also shows his enterprise in publishing a four page illustrated paper which he calls the Commercial Quarterly and which is intended as a means of communication between his farmer patrons and himself giving special features of his stock from time to time and occasionally offering extra bargains. Mr. Brink's publication is gotten up in a newsy sort of style and will be found to contain hints and suggestions worthy of preservation. Mr. Brink is a native of Washington County. He is a resident of Nashville from 1884; at one time he was a resident of Carlyle, Clinton County, for five years and then moved back to Nashville where he expects to remain. Mr. Brink makes the unusual statement that notwithstanding the hard times he did more business the last year than the year preceding. Panics and hard times do not seem to affect either his business or his digestion.

**DR. L. T. PHILLIPS, Dentist.**—Dr. Phillips' office is in the Holston Block, room 4, where he has his dental and waiting rooms furnished and fitted up in the best manner. Dental operations are a necessity and though sometimes unpleasant, the comfort derived afterwards not to speak of the preservation of the teeth themselves, more than repays one the temporary inconvenience. Dr. Phillips has secured every appliance that will facilitate his work with the greatest comfort to his patrons and is skilled in the most delicate operations. His work has stood the test of years and he will make good every guarantee he gives. Dr. Phillips was born in Nashville and has been engaged in practice of his profession eleven years. He graduated at the Southern Illinois Normal University in 1879 and at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, in 1883. He is a member of the Illinois State Dental Society and the Southern Illinois Dental Society and is a member of different Masonic orders. His skill is being constantly attested and his work cannot be excelled.

**EDWARD MERRICK, Attorney at Law.**—The Bar is well represented in Nashville in the person of Mr. Edward Merrick who has been in practice ten years, five of which were at Okawville and the other five at Nashville. He is a gentleman of many attainments and does a general practice, but in addition has the very great advantage of having the only set of abstract books in the county from the Government down. He has a fine library and has had charge of several noted cases. Mr. Merrick

was admitted to the Bar in August, 1884, before the Supreme Court at Mt. Vernon and is a member of the Masons, Odd Fellows and K. P. He has been an honored member of the City Council of Okawville and is now a member of the Board of Education of Nashville, a position in which his knowledge and experience of the law often stands the community in good stead. He is also County Attorney for the L. & N. Railroad and the Centralia & Chester, which entrust their important interests to his watchful care.

**JOS. MARLIN,** Livery and Feed Stable.—Mr. Marlin keeps the finest rigs in the city and being in close proximity to the Carlsbad Hotel supplies the guests of that resort with stylish turn-outs. He has been established in business two years and has a fine lot of stock. His harness is well looked after and the stock and everything about the premises is kept in scrupulously neat order. Careful drivers are sent out when desired and his rates are most reasonable. Travelling men will be supplied at all hours of the day and night. He keeps several employees who will fit you out a conveyance on short notice. He is located at 209 East Main Street. Mr. Marlin is a native of Canada, but has been in Nashville for 29 years, and is ranked with the best men of the place. Before entering upon his present line he was engaged in the general mercantile business and in the shipping of stock. His stables are a block and a half east of the Court House.

**HENLEY'S PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY,** South Kaskaskia Street.—Mr. Henley has not been long in Nashville but his confidence in his ability to pro-

duce fine work is such that he has erected a building for himself specially prepared for photography in every appliance and convenience, and for the short time he has been in Nashville he reports that he is doing moderately well. When Mr. Henley's work becomes better known there can be no doubt he has laid the foundation for a prosperous business. His cabinets, elegantly mounted, are \$3.50 per dozen. He makes a specialty of childrens' pictures. Mr. Henley is a native of Nashville; he is a young man, energetic and full of promise and seems to be doing the business in his line of the city.

**ADAM KAUFMAN,** Wines, Liquors and Cigars.—Mr. Adam Kaufman is the proprietor of "Adam's Wine and Beer Parlor," where everything of the best in this line can be had. The Wm. J. Lemp's celebrated bottled beer can be obtained here. Mr. Kaufman does a strictly retail business and has been established in Nashville for 13 years in the same business. His hot dinner lunch is a well liked feature, and his place is the best of its class in the city. At one time he had a brother in partnership with him, Mr. Wm. H. Kaufman, from January 1st, 1880, till January 1st, 1885. Mr. Kaufman opened business in Nashville December 24th, 1880, and at this time he does business of from \$6,000 to \$7,000, notwithstanding the times; in better times he has done much more. Mr. Kaufman was born in St. Clair County August 9th, 1852. He is a member of the Odd Fellows and of the A. O. U. W. You can rely on being treated in a straightforward manner in Mr. Kaufman's place.

## MURPHYSBOROUGH.

Murphysboro is located upon the Big Muddy River and occupies a position near the centre of Jackson County of which it is the judicial seat; it is 35 miles by rail from St. Louis and is 57 miles north of Cairo, the extreme southern point of the State. It has been not inaptly called the Chicago of Southern Illinois and enjoys a commercial prominence, due in a large measure to its natural advantages as the centre of an important coal mining district.

Agriculture, the older sister of commerce, has as many followers in Jackson County as in other sections of the fertile land of Egypt, but while the shipments of her products form an item of considerable value in the city's trade returns, they are of minor importance in comparison with the volume of the coal production. Within a two mile radius from the court house there are at least nine shafts in active operation furnishing in various ways employment to between a thousand and twelve hundred men and having an aggregate daily output of four thousand tons. The industry has been carried on for over thirty years and judging from the coal now in sight, in eight and nine foot veins, it is estimated that the same average of production can be kept up for fifty years to come. She enjoys good railroad facilities; the first road touching at this point was the old Grand Tower and Carbondale, now known as the Chicago and Texas Railway. This line which connects with the Illinois Central at Carbondale and at Cape Girardeau with southern systems, was built for the purpose of developing the mining interest of this section.

The Mobile & Ohio passes through the city and has shops located here in which some three hundred men are employed and the St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute has a tap connecting with its main line at Harrison.

With the development of her mining resources Murphysboro has grown very rapidly and in the last five or six years has more than doubled her population, which now numbers 7,000, according to a census taken not long since by the city authorities.

It must not be inferred however the city relies entirely on the coal mining industry; she has two flour mills; there was a third mill unfortunately destroyed by fire in the early part of this year.

There is a cannery factory which runs day and night during the season, consuming about 800 bushels of tomatoes or other vegetables every twelve hours; this factory employs from 150 to 200 hands.

There is a brewery with a daily capacity of 100 barrels, connected with which is an artificial ice-plant.

There is a good foundry devoted principally to the construction of mine machinery and mining plants; a large cooper-shop where flour, fruit and vegetable barrels are manufactured; planing mill, machine and wagon shop and the promise of a threshing machine factory in the near future; besides these there are of course the usual blacksmith and carpenter shops and minor trades incidental to every community.

The surrounding country being well covered with oak, poplar, walnut, locust and other marketable woods, the shipments of timber form another important feature in the commerce of the town.

Murphysboro has two national banks, each doing business with \$50,000 capital and showing by their recent statement a considerable surplus, for the comparatively short period they have been in existence; a Saving's Bank has lately been organized, as also two local Building and Loan Associations.

There are such usual retail interest as would be found in any city of like size in the hands of a thrifty class of merchants who conduct their enterprises on sound principles of business prudence.

There are two newspapers, the "Jackson County Era" (Republican) and "The Murphysboro Independent," (Democrat) each of which publish both daily and weekly issues; and in addition to these there is also a live job printing office.

There are two good hotels and several smaller ones, an Opera House seating 1500 persons and the Apollo Hall of somewhat less capacity.

Church denominations are well represented, most of the churches having a good membership and all are located in their own buildings, several of which are very handsome structures; there are Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Free Will Baptist, German Lutheran, Lutheran, Methodist Episcopal, M. E. South, Presbyterian and three colored churches.

In educational facilities the city is equally well off. There are two public schools, one requiring a staff of twelve teachers, while the smaller has a teaching force of seven; in addition to these there are two parochial schools and a school for colored children. The aggregate number of scholars is about twelve hundred.

Fraternal, benevolent and insurance orders have a large following and there are many lodges in a flourishing prosperous condition. The leading orders represented are Masonic, with Royal Arch Chapter, I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., K. of P. including Uniform Rank, K. of H., K. & L. of H., G. A. R., Sons of Veterans, Forresters, C. K. of Ill., B. of L. E. and B. of R. T.

The city now covers about twelve hundred acres, and is well laid out; the streets although not yet brought to a uniform grade are generally in good order, although there are about forty miles of streets and sidewalks, many of the latter being laid in granitoid or stone.

At present a private enterprise supplies the town with water and electric lighting facilities. For manufacturing, municipal and general purposes about 1,500,000 gallons are consumed daily, but the pumps which draw the water from the Big Muddy have a capacity of at least 300,000 gallons over the amount. The water is taken directly into filters of improved construction and is then stored in a water tower 150 feet high, 15 feet in diameter which furnishes sufficient pressure to raise the water to any required height in any part of the town. There are fifty-six 200 candle power arc lights distributed over the town and about fourteen hundred incandescent lamps, requiring a circuit of about ten miles.

The Murphysboro Street Railway is at present operating a horse car line along the main street and it is contemplated in the near future to put in a greatly extended electric service for which they have already obtained their franchise.

There is an efficient Fire Department comprising two companies, which is located in the City Hall a substantial two story building on West Walnut Street.

There are three recreation parks, the Logan, (named after General John A. Logan, who was a citizen of this town), the Willis and the Turner; these are private property but are at the service of the community for all legitimate purposes.

Active steps are now being taken to establish in Murphysboro a Home for aged and dependent miners or their widows and orphans, which movement was originated in this city by a small body lately incorporated as the Illinois Mine Workers' Association. There are few of the trades or industrial pursuits that do not have such a Home as this for their disabled members or dependents in one or more states, but hitherto nothing has been attempted in this line for the mine workers, large class though they be and by the exigencies of their following particularly in need of something of the kind. To Murphysboro therefore will redound the credit of having established the first Miners' Home in the world! Soon after these words are written the Illinois Mine Workers are to hold a re-union in this place, on the termination of which it is intended that the corner-stone of the building will be laid. The construction of this edifice, which will be a large one, will undoubtedly give a strong impetus to the trade of the locality, while the expenditure necessary for the maintenance of the Home after it is in use will be of the utmost commercial importance to the town.

Murphysboro has suffered to some extent from the late labor disturbances, both from the interruption of railroad traffic and the cessation of the mining industry, but as soon as these were settled having counted her losses she set herself with stern determination to repair the breach and rebuild her wall upon the firm commercial foundation which remained unshaken and unharmed.

Her past growth has been the result of natural resources developed by local influence, her prosperity was achieved as a result of home endeavor, but more than one recent transaction culminating in the investment of outside capital shows that attention has been drawn from other parts and other states, which will undoubtedly yield an influence tending to bring about a new era of progress and commercial growth. With railroad facilities that leave little to be desired, abundance of good cheap fuel, plenty of timber and water for manufacturing purposes she offers a desirable location and excellent opportunities for investment and will lend all possible aid to every industrial or mercantile enterprise that is seeking an advantageous field for the scope of its operations.

**ALEXANDER BROS. FOUNDRY.**—Mechanical industries naturally form a leading interest in this mining centre and to their development the foundry of Alexander Bros. has probably contributed the largest share. The firm in question has during the last twenty-five or thirty years built up a business of great importance and become favorably known in connection with all kinds of machine making, founding and the execution of general engineering work. The foundry covers an area of considerable extent and is well planned so as to afford economy of space with convenience of operation; the equipment in every department is complete and adapted to the speedy fulfillment of all orders. As principal lines Messrs. Alexander Bros. manufacture engines, mine cars, hoisting cages, mine castings and the Murray automatic hoisting cage. Repairs of all kinds of machinery, light or heavy work, also come within the scope of their operations, and drawings, specifications and estimates are prepared for the construction of complete equipments for mining or other plants. The whole business, ably managed by Messrs. James and Walter Alexander in person, is in a flourishing condition and the foundry with its staff of twenty-five hands is one of the busiest industrial establishments in the city of Murphysboro.

**C. M. LINGLE, Job Printer.**—Whatever may be the ultimate object of any kind of printed matter it cannot but be aided by the impression its appearance conveys to the reader. Good clean type and high-classed press work combined with an intelligent conception of the principles involved, produce the kind of printing that bring results no matter for what purpose it is used. In Murphysboro work of this character is being daily turned out from the press-room of Mr. C. M. Lingle. A native of Randolph County, he learned his trade at Anna and has made the art preservative his life-work. He carries on a general line of job, commercial and legal printing and though only established in business in the town for less than a year has already worked up a splendid trade. His establishment is well equipped, not very large but at the same time capable of turning out much good work; the machinery is run by a hydraulic motor. Mr. Lingle is a student of all matters pertaining to typography and through the leading journals keeps himself fully informed of the most recent developments in the art of printing; he gives much of his attention to color work in which his artistic tastes aided by diligent research enables him to produce some very beautiful results. He was for some years out west where he gained a good deal of experience in printing matters as well as in the general go-ahead enterprising principles of the "wild and woolly." He is a comparatively young man, the best part of his career is yet to come and from the spirit already manifested it will assuredly be one of success.

**CLAY & WILLIANS, Manufacturers of Flour, Meal and Feed.**—This active little mill, which has been running for over forty years, has recently come into the hands of its present proprietors, C. H. Clay and G. Willians. The facilities of the mill have been increased with the growth of its business, the old system of burrs discarded and full roller process driven by a sixty horse power engine been put in. The elevator, located at the side of the M. & O. tracks, has a storage capacity of ten thousand bushels while the mill proper can warehouse four hundred bushels of flour. The daily output is about fifty barrels, the principal brands being "Magnolia," "Kitchen Queen" and "Big C," the first named

having been Mr. Clay's leading brand when he was operating the Jackson County Mill, recently burned down. Besides their staple product Messrs. Clay and Willans are manufacturers of meal and feed as well as dealers in hay, grain, etc. They enjoy an eminent reputation for the fine quality of their manufactures and their pliant and force of nine men are kept very busy in meeting the heavy demand made upon its productive capacity.

**EGYPTIAN BOTTLING WORKS,** R. T. Hayes, Proprietor.—This is a recent addition to the manufacturing interests of the town but has already taken a prominent place in its special line of trade. The equipment of the works is entirely new and comprises an improved carbonating system of the modern style; the machinery is operated by a six horse steam engine and has a capacity of three hundred dozen soda and twenty barrels bottled beer. The principal lines of manufacture are soda water and ciders in different flavors and varieties, Henk's Waukesha Mineral Water, and the works have the agency for Excelsior Pilsener beer, which they bottle for the local trade; the working force consisting of four persons. Mr. Hayes learned his business under his father, Ed. Hayes, who operated the Murphysboro Bottling Works twenty years. The Egyptian Bottling Works have a splendid connection—two wagons are required for local orders and a large shipping trade is enjoyed.

**P. M. POST,** City Drug Store, S. E. Cor. Main and Walnut Streets.—This is the oldest pharmacy in Murphysboro; formerly it was conducted as a co-partnership, but for the last twenty years has been carried on by Mr. Post as sole proprietor. The stock carried is unusually extensive, it embraces a full line of pure drugs and chemicals, standard proprietary medicines and popular patent remedies, while the usual assortment of goods known as druggists' sundries such as toilet articles, soaps, perfumes, lotions, cigars and fancy stationery have been carefully selected and form an attractive feature of the place. Mr. Post also deals in school and church books and supplies, surgical instruments, paints, oils, varnishes and wall-paper. He himself is a registered pharmacist and two registered assistants are employed in the store. Mr. Post's long and varied experience has qualified him in no ordinary degree, by reason of which he commands the confidence of a large patronage among the medical fraternity as well as of the general public.

**E. J. STEWART,** Photographer.—This gallery has been in the hands of the present proprietor for thirteen years and existed seven years previous to his acquiring possession. Mr. Stewart is an old-time photographer who knows his business from the ground up. He confines himself almost entirely to gallery portraiture in which line he is justly celebrated. The gallery is conveniently located not far from the centre of the town, and an active patronage is enjoyed which keeps Mr. Stewart and his two assistants fully occupied; enlargements, crayon work and color work are also branches to which special attention is given.

**BIG MUDDY LUMBER COMPANY.**—This is an old established business which has been carried on under the present style for the last six years. Up till the beginning of this year the business was owned by the Norman Brothers, but at that date Mr. W. C. Norman sold out his interest to Mr. William Turk, who is now joint proprietor with Mr. J. S. Norman. They deal in hard and soft lumber, sash, doors, blinds, also lime, cement, sewer pipe and tiles. Some idea of the extent of the stock carried may be gathered from the fact that it is distributed over three yards each of a large area, while it keeps three people busy to respond to the wants of the trade. The proprietors are experienced in lumber and can offer their customers valuable inducements in the way of prices and have every facility for the conduct of a prosperous and thriving trade.

**MILLHOUSE & SMITH.**—This business has been carried on by the above co-partnership for the last five years. For a long time previous to that was conducted by Mr. C. A. Millhouse. They are manufacturers of light and heavy harness for all purposes and of saddles and saddlery goods and deal generally in all kinds of horse furnishing goods. Both

proprietors are expert harness makers themselves; Mr. Millhouse has been engaged in the trade here for nearly forty years, having come from Pennsylvania to Murphysboro in 1854; Mr. C. F. Smith learned his trade in this town. They employ an average force of three men in the shop which is well provided with the best tools; an active and profitable business is enjoyed, their custom being drawn from all parts of Jackson County. The house enjoys a splendid reputation for the durability of its goods, the material and workmanship are equally reliable. The proprietors are well known in business and social circles. Mr. Millhouse is treasurer of the local branch of the K. of H.

**"THE MURPHYSBORO INDEPENDENT,"** J. J. Penny, Publisher.—Ink has been called one of the greatest agents of civilization and the quantity of ink a people consume is a barometer of their enlightenment. The "Independent" was established twenty-one years ago; originally it was published as a weekly only, but about three years ago Lieut. Governor Gill, who was proprietor, instituted the daily issue. The "Daily Independent" is a seven column folio, half-patent and contains a careful summary of local items and Southern Illinois news together with matters of general interest and selected articles upon a variety of topics; the weekly edition is a six-column quarto and is almost exclusively occupied with home, or at least, "Egyptian" happenings. In the matter of equipment eight men are employed and there are three presses, two of them for job work, driven by a 5 h. p. hydraulic motor. The present proprietor Mr. J. J. Penny is a native of Pinekneyville in the neighboring county of Perry; he is a practical printer by profession and an editor and able business manager by training. It is not long since he assumed control but he has fully demonstrated his qualifications in the most convincing manner; he maintains the traditions of the paper and retains the good will of its large numbers of life-long friends.

**R. A. GLENN,** Music Store.—In our day of liberal education those business interests which are connected with the arts, flourish in every community. Mr. R. A. Glenn has been established in the musical instrument line for twelve years and for the last four years upon the present basis. He carries a fine line of pianos, Decker Bros., Camp & Co., Schubert and Estey, also the Estey & Camp Chicago Cottage and Edina & Co. organs, music books, sheet music, musical instruments. He does business either upon cash or installment basis, also renting and repairs. Mr. Glenn has had long experience which added to his musical tastes and knowledge give him exceptional facilities for the conduct of the business. He is a native of North Carolina, of Scotch descent and a gentleman of energy and ability who has reared his enterprise upon a profitable and permanent basis.

**T. B. THOMAS,** Dry Goods, Notions, Cloaks, Boots and Shoes.—This business was established in 1886 and is located in a commodious double building on the north side of the square. Mr. Thomas carries a full line of dry goods, dress patterns, white goods, laces and embroideries, hosiery, corsets, gloves, ribbons, cloaks and wraps and ladies furnishings of every description; also threads, silks, wools and has the exclusive agency of Butterick's patterns. A separate department is devoted to boots and shoes. Mr. Thomas is a Welshman by birth and a resident in Murphysboro since 1870 and having become thoroughly identified with the best interests of the community, is recognized as a representative citizen. He is Vice-President of the Big Muddy Coal Co. at De Soto.

**J. W. STRAUGHAN,** Watchmaker and Jeweler.—The amount of trade which Mr. Straughan has worked up since he established himself in business here in August last is at once a testimony to the excellent judgment which led him to select Murphysboro as a business location and to his own qualifications as an expert jeweler. A native of the Blue Grass state, he learned his trade at New Albany, Indiana, and has latterly been carrying on a business at Arkansas City, Ark. He has located himself at 66 West Walnut Street, where he carries a select line of clocks, watches, gold and silver, jewelry, mounted stones, brooch and lace pins, optical goods including a splendid line of gold

spectacles, etc. To know just where to get your watch properly repaired is often a difficulty, but Mr. Straughan can fix it so that it will run on even terms with old Father Time himself. He is an energetic business man, giving prompt attention to all orders entrusted to him and evidently has the faculty of rapidly gaining both customers and friends. He carries a line of society emblems and is himself a member of the K. of P.

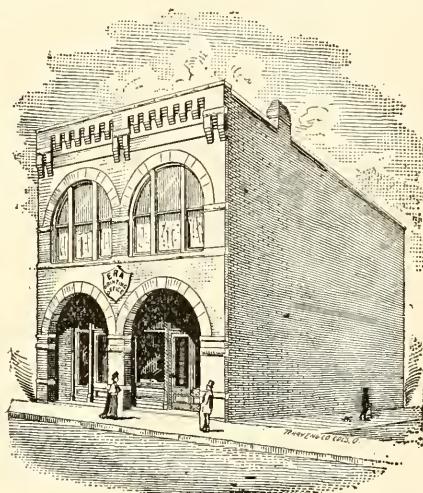
**DEWITTE & POWELL, Brick Makers.**—This business has been in active and prosperous existence six years. The yard is located to the west of the Chicago and Texas tracks outside the city limits. The works proper cover an acre and the firm own many more acres of splendid clay for their purposes. The brick is handmade, repressed red and the best in this part of the state. The Southern Illinois Mill and the public schools are built of it. Their kiln has a capacity for 160 brick and every other appliance is at hand.

**CHAS M. BRADLEY.**—Carries on several important lines of business. As an underwriter of both fire and tornado insurance, he has such standard companies as the Aetna, German American and New York Underwriters. He makes a special feature of insuring farm property and issues the best dwelling house policy known. He also deals in farm machinery and farming tools, being agent for Oliver Chilled's plows, New York Champion rakes, standard makes of wagons and carriages, Gaar-Scott engines and machinery and also windmills and pumps. Mr. B. is also the trusted agent of the American Express Co. His office is in the McKee Block and in the busy daily routine of his affairs he is assisted by his son, G. F. Bradley.

**GRAND SOUTHERN HOTEL, Mrs. C. F. Jones, Opposite Era and Post Office, Broad and Locust Streets.**—This old established hotel has been known to the public for many years past, but since it came into the hands of the present management it seems to have taken a strong and entirely fresh hold upon public favor. The house has been renewed from cellar to attic and is now nicely fitted up and first-class in its appointments. Some thirty-five bedrooms await the traveller whose comfort will be carefully attended to, all the domestic arrangements being under the personal supervision of Mrs. C. F. Jones the proprietrix. C. F. Jones, the manager of the hotel, is an energetic fellow who has made friends all his way through life and has always a word of warm welcome to a stranger guest. It is an open secret that he was once a railroad man and he has all the cordial good fellowship and gaiety characteristic of the "boys." The location being central, opposite the Post Office and the Era Building commends it strongly to business men, and while it will doubtless receive a liberal patronage we venture to predict that Mr. and Mrs. Jones will be found equal to any demand made upon them.

**"JACKSON COUNTY ERA," Burr & Burr, Props.**—This paper was established in 1872 and shortly after became the property of Gill J. Burr, who continued until his decease in 1881. It was then acquired by Mr. W. H. Hull and about this time also, Mr. Howard H. Burr, present managing editor, began his connection with it, serving a practical apprenticeship until he became initiated into all the secrets of the chapel. In January 1882, the firm of Burr, Tarpley & Burr became the proprietors. Mr. Tarpley retired after six months and Messrs. Burr & Burr became joint sole owners. Mr. Bert R. Burr is the managing editor and Mr. Howard Burr, the business manager. They had only been in control of the "Era" eighteen months

when they formulated plans for establishing it in a home of its own and in January of this year its removal from the old quarters on the Square to the splendid new building on Broad and Locust Streets was accomplished. The Era Building is the finest newspaper "home" in Southern Illinois and reflects much credit upon the Barrs, who were their own architects. It is a two story brick structure, 24x60 feet. The business office, its entire front of plate glass and interior finished in pressed brick, is to the front on the ground floor; behind this is the press-room, with granitoid floor, a Babcock Country Cylinder newspaper press and three modern job presses, motive power being furnished by a hydraulic six horse engine. Above the press-room is the compositors' apartment and to the front of that are the editorial sanctums finished like the down-stairs office in pressed brick. The building is furnished with electric lights and water service throughout and its finish in minor details leaves little to be desired. The working force, in-



Era Building.

clusive of "devil" numbers eleven persons. Daily and weekly issues are published; the former is a seven column folio and the weekly an eight column folio, all home print having circulation of eleven hundred. It is a clean wholesome journal, giving all the interesting news of foreign, national or state importance as well as bright columns of local intelligence and is subservient to no interest except that of the public good of Murphysboro and for Murphysboro from first to last. Carefully following the policy laid down by Mr. Gill J. Burr, who in his time was a leader among Egyptian Republicans, the "Era" adheres, not blindly but intelligently to the tenets of its party and has gained recognition as the foremost Republican paper of Southern Illinois. The proprietors are comparatively young men, Murphysboro boys, born and raised and have many friends among all parties and sects. Mr. Bert R. Burr, who has devoted some part of his time to educational matters is presented as the candidate of the Republican party for the office of County Superintendent.

## AVA.

The town of Ava is located in the north-eastern part of Jackson County, on the line of the Mobile & Ohio R. R., fourteen miles from Murphysboro, 75 miles by rail from St. Louis and 76 miles from Cairo.

It is situated in the heart of a good agricultural district, containing much rich arable land.

Wheat raising is one of the leading interests in the section and the two flour mills operated at this point find the local supply amply sufficient for their requirements.

The country is rich in natural grasses and clovers and affords every opportunity for the successful prosecution of the dairy industry, which as yet in this district is in its infancy, there being but one small creamery here in operation.

There are two mills with an aggregate daily capacity of 200 barrels of flour, two private banks, lumber yards, harness and saddle-makers shops, implement dealers, blacksmith shops, stores of all kinds such as are met with in towns of like size, an enterprising little weekly paper and a full complement of professional men, physicians, lawyers and dentist.

The town has recently had an unusual experience out of which however it has come unscathed; it was discovered that after a supposed existence as a town of some thirty or forty years, it had never been incorporated. An election was at once held and the sense of the community pronouncing strongly in favor of organization, steps were taken to secure a town charter which was accomplished in the early part of August this year. Town officers were speedily elected and ordinances adopted and while outwardly no difference is perceptible, Ava now rests contentedly in the knowledge that her corporate existence is no longer merely a belief but has an active reality.

For a town of her size Ava is splendidly provided with churches; each of the denominations represented, Catholic, Free Baptist, Missionary Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian, have their own places of worship.

There is a good school with staff of five competent teachers.

The population according to the last census was 1000 souls. They are a quiet, industrious, thrifty people who recognize that it is not what a man makes but what he saves that brings a sure measure of prosperity.

**HUSBAND & RUSSELL, Millers.**—The leading brands of this house "Queen of Ava" and "White Rose" are favorably known over a wide territory. The mill was started in 1877 and is equipped with roller process driven by a 40 horse engine. There is one run of burrs for grinding corn meal, daily capacity 100 bushels. The capacity of the mill proper is sixty barrels of flour, that of the elevator four thousand bushels wheat and the mill has storage for some three hundred barrels of flour. Between the mill and cooper shop five persons find employment under the direct superintendence of Mr. F. M. Russell, one of the proprietors. Mr. Russell is a practical miller, an excellent judge of wheat and knows how to get the best results out of the grain, the workmen and the machinery.

**HUSBAND & RUSSELL, General Merchants, Bankers.**—This famous house was established in 1874, the co-partnership consisting of Mr. J. Husband, Mr. F. M. Russell and Mr. W. C. Russell. They carry a general stock, dry goods, groceries, hats, caps, boots and shoes, clothing, furnishings, notions, hardware, queensware, glassware, furniture, harness and saddlery. People maintain that they get more pleasure and can practice better economy by dealing with Husband & Russell than

at any other store within a wide radius. Five years after the business was established a banking department was added, which has undoubtedly been of the greatest convenience to the community. A regular banking business is carried on, deposits are received either on time or payable on demand, collections are undertaken, drafts issued, exchanges bought and sold and loans made. The members of the firm are men of pronounced and recognized ability who conduct every branch of their business upon legitimate and conservative lines.

**WM. DIVERS & CO.**—One of Ava's prominent enterprises is that carried on by the firm of Wm. Divers & Co. composed of Mr. Wm. Divers and Mr. Murry Dean. The business is located at the west end of the town where it occupies a large double building, probably the most substantial and best arranged of any store building on the M. & O. line; two smaller buildings are used as warehouses for furniture, stoves and similar goods. They deal in groceries, provisions, dry goods, clothing, shoes, hats and caps, hardware, tools, queensware, woodenware, tinware, stoves, ranges and furniture. Mr. Divers is an experienced buyer, enjoys extensive connections among the wholesale houses and with the ample resources behind the firm is enabled to secure goods upon the best possible terms of which the customer gets full advantage. Mr. Divers, who manages the business, is a genuine hustler and sets a splendid example to his salesmen. No matter how rushing the trade each customer is greeted with a cheery smile and a courteous enquiry, assuring them that their wants will be attended to and every effort made to give prompt service.

**ST. JAMES HOTEL.**—A very home-like hotel is the St. James of Ava. It caters in efficient manner to the wants of the travelling public, has pleasant rooms, keeps a liberal table and provides for the wants of commercial men with good sample rooms. The hotel is located close to the depot and within easy reach of the centre of the town; a well appointed livery stable is in connection. Transient rates are reasonable and special terms are offered by the week. The proprietor, Mrs. Mary E. Henson, is thoroughly experienced in hotel management and knows how to provide for the comfort of her guests in every particular.

**"THE AVA ADVERTISER,"** Hugh Overstreet, Publisher.—The newspaper, which forms the greatest factor in our modern development, reflects an influence distinctly traceable even in the smaller communities. It is therefore a matter upon which a town may congratulate itself when its local journal is in the hands of public spirited, clean, capable men and where this is the case they should take pride in according it their hearty unanimous support. The Ava "Advertiser" is a paper that comes easily under this heading and we are glad to note that it seems to have the right-of-way into every part of the district. The paper was established seven years ago, but has only been under its present management since 1892; it is a four-page, seven columns, half patent, published weekly; in politics it is strongly democratic. An intelligent digest of important happenings at home and abroad is always given, with clean practical editorials upon questions of the day, along with a careful summary of items of more local interest. Mr. Hugh Overstreet the proprietor and editor, spent several years in Montana where he was connected with a newspaper, which accounts to some extent for his sturdy independence and freedom of thought, both western characteristics.

# EDWARDSVILLE.

Edwardsville is one of the substantial towns of Southern Illinois and is possessed of all requisite advantages to make it a power in this section of the State. It is becoming a universal habit in this most wonderful of lands to "boom" towns, thus building up cities, towns and villages in an incredibly short space of time. But it has been observed that those thriving places which have been visited by "booms" are upheld but by very poor foundation and it does not require a very strong wind to blow to atoms the cherished hopes of many a visionary wealth seeker.

Edwardsville has never been the recipient of a "boom," but she has been advancing steadily in a way that will do her good. She is the county seat of Madison County.

## HISTORY.

The influx to the west in the early part of the century, brought many aspiring men to new fields of explorations, business and thrift. Trains of canvas-covered wagons found their way across the great green clad prairies of Illinois in search of gold and wealth in the far west, but many far-seeing men recognized in the Mississippi Valley the greatest agricultural and trade center of the New World and instead of pursuing their march to the Pacific Coast, paused to settle in this promising locality. Thos. Kirkpatrick, a native of South Carolina, made the first settlement at Edwardsville in 1805 and until 1816 the new settlement was known as Thos. Kirkpatrick Fort. In 1813 it was made the county seat of Madison County. Ninian Edwards, the territorial governor of Illinois lived here. When made the county seat Mr. Kirkpatrick had the town named Edwardsville, in honor of Governor Edwards. The city has grown steadily, but slowly. In 1860 the population aggregated something like 1200 souls; in 1870, 2100; in 1880, 3000; in 1890, 4000; and at the present time nearly 5000.

## RAILROADS.

Situated in the center of Madison County and about 18 miles from St. Louis, Edwardsville receives the benefits accruing from the roads running between St. Louis and the East. The first grading for a railroad was in 1836, when the Alton and Mt. Carmel built tracks from here to Alton. In 1867 a new track was built from here to Alton Junction, the road being known as the Madison County railroad, now controlled by the Wabash. In 1869 the Wabash, known then as the Great Western, commenced building tracks and in 1872 the first train was run out of Edwardsville. In 1882 the Toledo, St. Louis and Kansas City rail-road built a narrow gauge line and ran trains to and from the city. The line now has standard gauge tracks. In 1889 the Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis entered the field as another competitor. The Jacksonville-Southeastern came in later. Branch lines connect with the Chicago & Alton, the Indianapolis & St. Louis and the Burlington.

## RELIGIONS.

Here are the names of the various churches in the city: African Methodist Episcopal, A. Baptist, Christian, First Presbyterian, German Methodist, St. John's Methodist Episcopal, German Lutheran, St. Boniface Roman Catholic, St. Mary's Roman Catholic and St. Andrews Episcopal Church.

## EDUCATIONAL.

The city is well supplied with schools and every facility to acquire a suitable education, is enjoyed by all. It is the children, the rising generation, to whom we must look for the future greatness or decline of our country. A good moral nation, whose people are cultured and educated, can always be a power among nations and can always exercise a masterly sway. A large public school building was erected in 1859. It is a commodious brick structure three stories high with basement

and cost \$14000. There are two other public school buildings, smaller than the one just mentioned. One is termed the Primary School and is situated near the large building; the other termed the First Ward School and is used exclusively for colored children. There is a handsome parochial school building, erected in 1882, which is conducted by the Sisters of the Precious Blood. There are about 12 instructors in the public schools and about 950 scholars attend them. There are over one hundred scholars in the parochial school.

In 1879 a few progressive ladies established a public library and elected officers for the new association. There were but twelve charter members, but at the present time the association numbers about one hundred. Three hundred volumes commenced the library and now it consists of over two thousand volumes on history, travel, fiction, authors and standard works. The membership fee is two dollars per annum. The association's rooms are open every Saturday afternoon and evening.

## NEWSPAPERS.

Edwardsville can boast of three first class newspapers, of which the "Intelligencer" is the best.

The city has a beautiful public park occupying a square in "upper Edwardsville." In 1878 quite an attractive fence was built around the park and shade trees were planted. In 1885 benches were placed therein and gravel walks were arranged, so that the park is now "a thing of beauty."

## FAMOUS MEN WHO LIVED HERE.

Edwardsville has during her existence furnished a large quota of the eminent men of the state. Five governors of Illinois have resided here. Ninian Edwards, the first territorial governor of Illinois, acted in that capacity for ten years, 1809-1818 two years in office constituting a term. Four Attorney Generals, three Foreign Ministers, six members of Congress, four United States Senators, one Secretary of State and four judges of the Supreme Court lived in Edwardsville. We herewith enumerate the names: Governors; Ninian Edwards, Edward Coles, Thomas Carlin, Thomas Ford and John M. Palmer; Attorneys General: Samuel D. Lockwood, James Semple, Jesse B. Thomas, Jr., Geo. W. Olney; Foreign Ministers: Ninian Edwards to Mexico, Emanuel J. West to Mexico, James Semple to Bogota; Members of Congress: Ninian Edwards, Daniel P. Cook, Jesse B. Thomas, James Semple, Robert Smith and W. A. J. Sparks; United States Senators: Ninian Edwards, Jesse B. Thomas, James Semple and Chester Ashley; Secretary of State: Samuel D. Lockwood; Judges of the Supreme Court: Samuel D. Lockwood, Theophilus W. Smith, James Semple and Jesse B. Thomas.

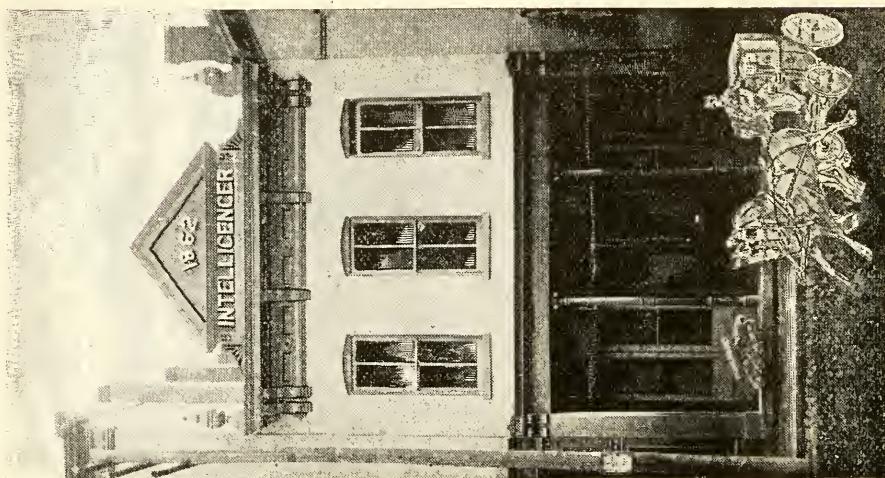
## CHARACTER OF THE PEOPLE AND RESOURCES.

The people of all classes hereabouts are strictly moral in their habits. Intellectually, they are far-seeing and correct in judgement; in business affairs they are conservative; they are a class of people who appreciate the full worth of everything and accomplish results with whatever is at their disposal. There is quite a large concourse of farmers, and Edwardsville can feel proud of her rank in a fine agricultural state. Cahokia Creek and the proximity to the Mississippi River make the soil rich and fertile. Madison County, especially near Edwardsville, is profuse with coal. Three large mines are operated. The pressed brick turned out here is among the best in the market. All the natural resources of the vicinity are turned to advantage and the city is becoming prominent as a manufacturing, as well as a home city.

## THE ENTERPRISING TOWNS OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.



MAJOR PRICKETT.



HARTLEY LANHAM.



**MAJOR Wm. RUSSELL PRICKETT, Banker.**—When a man is aging it is a source of pleasure for him to look back upon a life well done—a series of successes and noble deeds. The romance of medieval times is not dead nor sleeping, but still flourishes with the selfsame ardor that graced it in the age of chivalry. The feudal castles, inhabited by the aristocracy of the time, are now replaced by the mansions of our wealthy men; the bravery of the millions of some Knight or King of those days, has found its equal in the heroism displayed by our own soldiers in the late civil war. Countless, unknown men in our own time and amongst our own people deserve as much laudation as many a knighted hero who lives but in story. Many a hamlet, town and city of our own land can boast of men whose name and actions deserve to be recorded in history. William Russell Prickett, of Edwardsville, is a man whose history can stand the test of criticism. Col. Isaac Prickett, his father in his lifetime held many offices of trust. He was Quartermaster-General of the Illinois Militia, Inspector of the Penitentiary, Public Administrator, Coroner, Postmaster and twice Receiver of the Public Moneys. He endowed his family with a great name which he had earned for them and it devolved upon Major William Russell Prickett, the subject of our sketch, to make still more honorable the name of Prickett. Born in Edwardsville in 1836, he attended the Western Military Institute in Kentucky and the Illinois College at Jacksonville. During the war he enlisted in the 150th Illinois Infantry and was made Lieutenant. Before leaving Camp Butler he was elected Major of the regiment. In 1865 he was assigned to the Second Brigade, Army of the Cumberland and he had charge of the forces between Bridgeport, Ala., and Chattanooga, Tenn. and the entire left wing of the regiment was under his command at Spring Place, Ga. Upon the advice of Gen. Steadman he was appointed Judge Advocate of a Court Martial at Augusta, Ga. At Atlanta, Ga. he was promoted to the rank of Provost-Marshal and Companies C. F. G. II. and K. were under his control with headquarters at the last named place. At the close of the war he received an honorable discharge and was mustered out of service in 1866. In the year 1868 he engaged in the banking business with his father-in-law Hon. Edward M. West, the firm being known as West & Prickett. In 1885 he was appointed U. S. Commissioner for Illinois. He was twice sent to the Illinois General Assembly and was chairman of the committee on banks and banking. In 1892 he was presidential elector from his district. Such were the various offices and positions of trust held by this man. By nature a gentleman, educated and refined—he is welcome in the highest social fold; sharp and alert in mercantile affairs, no man shows superior skill in finances; and as he has amply demonstrated by his war record, he was a soldier shirking from no obstacle, which chance to confront him. Mr. Prickett is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the Army of the Cumberland, the Grand Army of the Republic and the Loyal Legion of the United States.

**THE EDWARDSVILLE "INTELLIGENCER," (Twice-a-Week.)** By Chas. Boeschenstein.—There is no truer omen by which to judge the character of a city than by its newspapers—they are a safe criterion by which to ascertain a city's proper condition, its animation or its deadness. The press has become a power in all lands. There was a time when oratory ruled supreme and alone, stirring people to great deeds; but, in these days of universal peace and universal advancement, the press supplants the pulpit and the rostrum. It is the newspaper which carries a city's reputation to every part of the land and that city which is the happy possessor of a bright, live paper can rest assured of a thrifty future. In this respect Edwardsville is exceptionally fortunate. The "Edwardsville Intelligencer" has the reputation of being the best paper in Southern Illinois, with the largest circulation. This journal was established in 1862 by James R. Brown by whom it was conducted until his death in 1882, when it was sold by his heirs to Charles Boeschenstein its present owner. The paper had been a seven column folio. Mr. Boeschenstein changed it to a six column quarto and later enlarged it to a seven column quarto. Half of the paper had been printed by a co-operative house

and the next move was to print the whole paper at home. On January 1, 1894, Mr. Boeschenstein commenced to publish it twice a week, instead of once a week as formerly, issuing four pages on Tuesdays and six pages on Fridays. Under energetic management the circulation has increased from less than 300 to 2500 copies per issue, thus giving it the largest circulation in Southern Illinois. The office is equipped with modern machinery operated by steam. In 1887 Mr. Boeschenstein purchased a building, fitting it up expressly for the purpose and since that time the paper has been printed in its own home. Its value as an influential and substantial paper is recognized throughout the state. The St. Louis "Republic," refers to it as: "One of the best county seat newspapers in the West, in workmanship, news, editorial ability and general tone and character." Chas. Boeschenstein was born in Madison County, Oct. 27, 1862. He was educated in the public schools at Highland, Ill. and Smith Academy, St. Louis and subsequently attended the St. Louis Law School. He took charge of the Highland "Herald" in 1881 and published it until assuming control of the "Intelligencer." In 1887-1889 Mr. Boeschenstein was Mayor of Edwardsville and filled the position with credit. He declined to be a candidate for re-election. On completing his official term the Edwardsville "Republican," a political opponent, wrote of his administration as follows: "He (Mr. B.) has ever been a staunch advocate of Edwardsville and her best interests and has subscribed liberally of his time, means and energy in her behalf. During his term just closed as mayor the city has progressed steadily, her finances have been well managed, the policy of macadamizing our streets has been steadily pushed forward; the police, fire, sanitary and other departments have been well kept ahead and a most excellent system of electric lights, so long desired, secured. The city has not been burdened with taxation, good order has been maintained and every officer has done his duty well. In fact the entire administration has been praiseworthy and it is the universal expression that the retiring mayor and his associate officers are deserving only of commendation."

**HARTLEY LANHAM, County Clerk of Madison County, Edwardsville, Illinois.**—When ancient Rome was harassed by continued wars and no military leader could be found within the city capable to lead the Roman legions, the tribunes sent for a worthy, industrious farmer—the Great Cincinnati to muster out and general their powerful army; it took an honest, upright farmer—Abraham Lincoln, to deal out justice, undefiled justice, to the slaves of the south. The farmers at Edwardsville have taken no little part in up-building of the city and the county. Hartley Lanham, the present County Clerk of Madison County, was born in St. Louis County, Mo. in 1832 and at an early age began farming in Collinsville Township. Mr. Lanham has held several county offices, among them being that of County Clerk, which position he has worthily filled for the past four years. He is a candidate for re-election and if fitness and popularity are sureties for his retention in office, Mr. Lanham's re-election is assured. Mr. Lanham is a pleasant man, thoroughly self-made, popular and progressive. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and Knights of Honor.

**ROBERT HAGNAUER, Circuit Clerk of Madison County, Edwardsville, Ill.**—Emerson says that "self help is the best." Examples of men, both of wealth and prominence, who have risen from plebeian lowliness to their present power solely by their own application and exertions, are such common occurrences that we will not pause to remark further on this particular subject. Every city and town in America have their share of such men. One gentleman in Edwardsville impressed us that he is a self-made man and he is Mr. Robert Hagnauer, Circuit Clerk of Madison County. This gentleman was born in Highland, Ill. and received a commercial education at Woodruff's Business College, Normal, Ill. In 1862 he opened a general merchandise store and retained it until 1874. For some time thereafter he was in the hardware business at Highland, Ill., subsequently moving to Edwardsville where he served the people as Town Collector and Justice of the Peace. He was elected to the office of Circuit Clerk in 1884, being the only

Democrat on the ticket so honored. In 1888 he was again elected to the office and still holds it. He has been re-elected on three consecutive occasions and is the only person who has ever been so favored by the people of Madison County. In a social way he is connected with the K. of P., K. of H. and M. W. of A.

**FRANK STENZEL**, Bakery and Confectionery, Hotel and Restaurant.—Hostleries are requisite functions of growing cities with which we cannot and will not dispense. In 1874 Hotel Stenzel was opened by its present proprietor and has been thriving ever since. Many of the best people who have visited Edwardsville have stayed at Hotel Stenzel. The hotel structure takes up very nearly half a block and a bakery, confectionery and restaurant are run in conjunction. The beds, board and service are first-class and nothing is wanting that may in any way add to comfort, though the prices are very reasonable. Mr. Frank Stenzel was born in Neustadt, Prussia, Germany in 1844. Prior to conducting this hotel he had been a farmer. He is a member of the Central Verein of America of which he has several times been president and is at present secretary of the Widow and Orphan Society. Mr. Stenzel is a pleasant, enter-

taining host, willing to do everything for the accommodation of his patrons, who are many. The hotel is always very well crowded which attests the merit of Hotel Stenzel and the popularity of its proprietor.

**H. B. LITTLE**, Deputy Circuit Clerk.—A quiet, unassuming gentleman, well informed on every subject, is H. B. Little, Deputy Circuit Clerk of Madison County. Born in Connecticut in 1833, his parents journeyed to Edwardsville when the lad was but three years old. He acquired a meagre education in the common schools, but by admirable perseverance he has succeeded in correctly instructing himself on every question of the times. By nature a close student, the events of his own life and of the city of Edwardsville are indelibly impressed on his mind—in truth, there is no affair of the city's growth, its history, its prosperity, with which he is not acquainted. Serving as a privateer in the great struggle of the North and South he did himself and his country credit. His intrinsic worth is evident when we say that he has been Deputy Circuit Clerk since 1849—forty-five years. No one in entire Madison County has so much endeared himself to the people as this gentleman. He is a member of the Masons, by whom he is considered a worthy, honorable man.

## MT. CARMEL.

The Wabash River flows from the North and winds around the city of Mt. Carmel, Indiana, a maze of trees, lies to the east of the river, while Illinois stretches out in prairies, hills and lowlands to the west. Surmounting the bluffs, some two blocks on the west side of the river, rises the city. Large farms surround it on the north, south and west. Agriculture has reached here a high state of development and the farmers reap a good profit from the product of the soil. The Wabash River, together with the Red River and Patoka River, which flow near Mt. Carmel, furnish ample drainage and moisture, and aid irrigation. Then too, agriculture is much facilitated by innumerable creeks, streams and waterways running through the interior. The soil hereabouts is rich and well adapted to cultivation. Along the river and proximate to the small water-ways can be seen large forests of various trees presenting rich opportunities to the wood cutter and forester. Lumber in great quantities grows here unmolested by the hand of man.

### RAILROADS.

But two railroads pass through Mt. Carmel. The Big Four Route controls the traffic of the north and south; the Louisville & St. Louis Air Line commands the business of the east and west. A bridge the property of the "Air Line," spans the Wabash River at this point, and, though the bridge is simply intended as a railroad viaduct, still foot passengers find it convenient as a thoroughfare connecting Illinois and Indiana. Mt. Carmel is in no way a wealthy city. It is due to the "Big Four" repair-shops situated here that the city keeps in possession of money. To close these shops would cause the city to degenerate.

### HISTORY.

In 1817, Rev. Thos. S. Hinde, a native of Virginia, together with twenty other gentlemen, came from Ohio and established the city. Throughout its seventy-seven years of existence it has had a reckless, erratic history. At one stage of its life some "boom" would draw fortune-seeking thousands to it, and again, in the near future, the selfsame thousands, disgusted and disappointed, would wend their way to some other fields of opulent achievement. Mt. Carmel has excellent strategic advantages by its natural situation and good surroundings. It has long been the county seat of Wabash County and is, therefore, the centre of political interest.

### MODERN IMPROVEMENTS.

The city's water supply is gained from up-to-date water-works. The power house, situated on the bank of the Wabash, pumps the water up to the reservoir, which lies on the highest bluff above the river. The reservoir is a large red pipe, 100 feet high and is large enough to supply the demands of its patrons.

An electric light plant furnishes the lighting for the municipality, as well as for several enterprising merchants.

A new City Hall has just been built and is the home of the fire department and "city fathers."

### EDUCATION.

The advantages for the younger generation in the way of instruction are of the best. Six public schools are conducted for the benefit of the common people. The Catholic and Episcopal denominations have each a parochial school for the children of their worshippers. A young lady, belonging to a high family, conducts a select private school. The public school buildings are the finest and most modern structures in the city.

### RELIGIONS.

Church-goers are accorded opportunities to pray and be good very extensively. Eight religious bodies have churches or chapels for the public weal. These denominations are: Presbyterian, Methodist, Lutheran, Baptist, Christian, Evangelical Lutheran, Episcopal and Roman Catholic.

### STREETS.

Many of the streets are modernly wide and all of them are well laid out. Though not running directly north and south, east and west, still inhabitants call it north and south, east and west. The streets coursing from east to west are called by numbers from First Street to Eleventh Street, those going north and south are: Plum, Pear, Cherry, Mulberry, Market, (often called Main), Chestnut, Walnut, Cedar, Poplar and Belmont. A large tract of land near the river is public ground and bears the name of "The Commons."

**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF Mt. CARMEL.**—Was incorporated in 1890 and is a strong organization. The capital is \$50,000, the surplus \$5,250 while the undivided profits net something like \$3000. The officers of the bank are: Wm. Seitz, Jr., President; Jas. Mahon, Vice-President; H. T. Goddard, Cashier and N. L. Eastham, Ass't. Cashier. Mr. Goddard was born in Marion, Ill. in 1852. He

attended the common schools at his home and received a more thorough polish in the University of Notre Dame, Ind. He has had a fifteen years' experience in the banking business. For eleven years he was Cashier of the Exchange Bank, Marion, Ill. and for one year was proprietor of the same. For the past four years, since its organization, he has held the responsible office of cashier of the First National Bank here. He is prominently connected with the Masons and Knights of Pythias. Mr. Goddard is a sociable gentleman, a man of fine character, being frank and honorable in all his mercantile, social and private relations.

**HOLSEN BROS. & CO.**, Manufacturers of Flour and Meal. Buyers of Grain.—This firm exercises full sway over the entire agrarian output of Wabash County. Besides the mill here they operate another at Allendale, this county. The Bluff City Mills have a daily capacity of one hundred and fifty barrels. The mill has been operated by the present company for the past eighteen months, having succeeded Keen & Russell. The gentlemen comprising the firm are: Fred Holsen, Harmon Holson and W. H. Holson, who is superintendent. The latter gentleman was born in Lawrence County and has spent fifteen years working in mills. Through his management the business of the company has increased. His long experience has given him an excellent insight into the character and details of the business. This, with his pleasant demeanor and graciousness to customers have earned him many friends.

**PHILIP STEIN & SONS**, General Merchandise.—The large general merchandise store of Philip Stein & Sons has most probably the most extensive trade of any like store in Wabash County. The present firm has existed since 1888 when it succeeded Philip Stein who had been in business since 1858. Philip Stein, senior member of the firm, was born in Germany in 1836 and received a school education here at Mt. Carmel. He has lived here since 1839. Chas. Stein, one of the junior partners, was born here in 1866. He was instructed in the public schools here, after which he worked in his father's store for ten years, being admitted as a partner in 1888. Wm. Stein, the other partner, was born here in 1864 and attended the Mt. Carmel public schools. For fifteen years he was employed in his father's store and in 1888 was admitted to the firm. Wm. Stein does all the buying for the house and is really general manager. Much of the success of a mercantile enterprise depends on the buying, because good stock must be purchased as cheaply as possible in order to give the public convenient prices and Mr. Wm. is an adept buyer.

**PATTON & BRENNAN**, Druggists.—The leading druggists of Mt. Carmel are Patton & Brennan. Their store is a model, they are skilled chemists, the stock includes drugs, chemicals, patent medicines, cigars, soaps, perfumes, perfume cases, toilet cabinets, albums, combs, comb cases, handkerchief cases, glove cases, cut-glass bottles, colognes, cosmetics, wedding presents, birthday presents, holiday presents, books, pamphlets, school books, school supplies, slates, pens, pen-holders, pencils, ink, mucilage, writing and copying books, balls, gloves, notions and everything in the drug line, stationery, school supplies and sporting goods. C. F. Brennan is a member of the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association and is a registered pharmacist. Both Mr. Brennan and his partner, E. E. Patton, are natives of Indiana. They are genial gentlemen, with a wide circle of friends and an extensive and profitable business.

**J. M. MITCHELL CO.** Dry Goods, Clothing etc. Our feminine friends, the lovely ladies, find intense pleasure in adorning themselves in the most becoming manner and a store catering to them must conduct its business on strictly legitimate and frank methods; our young men and older gentlemen are just as anxious to appear neat and nobby in their attire and for their accommodation a responsible store is desirable; then too, we are all particular in regard to our headgear, footgear, our house furnishings and sundry notions; which we may at various times require and we are always pleased to patronize a firm which we can rely on as being strictly upright and honest in all their dealings and that whatever goods we pur-

chase are just what the firm represents them to be. J. M. Mitchell Company is such a firm. They conduct an "absolutely cash" business, both buying and selling for cash, even when trading with Bill McKinley or Bill Wilson. The house does an annual business of over seventy-five thousand dollars, being the largest institution of its kind in Wabash County. It is incorporated under the Illinois State Laws, with a paid-up capital of \$30000. The officers are: J. M. Mitchell, Pres., G. S. Clarke, Vice Pres., G. B. Stein, Treasurer, J. T. Fenn, Secretary. They also operate a store at Owensburg, Ky. The business there is managed by Mr. Mitchell, while Messrs. Clark, Stein and Fenn conduct it here. The house is stable, having been in business for the past ten years, controlling the greatest part of the trade of Wabash County.

**W. O. JEWELL & SON**, Proprietors of "The Jewell" Bakery and Confectionery.—The neatest, confectionery in this city is "The Jewell Bakery" of W. O. Jewell and son. W. O. Jewell was born in Kentucky in 1852 and was educated in the common schools of Indiana and Illinois. For a long time he worked in railroad shops as a master painter; acting in that capacity for the Cairo and Vincennes railroad, the Peoria, Decatur and Evansville railroad and for seven years filled the same position with the "Big Four Route." Mr. Jewell is now traveling representative for a large paint and varnish house and is a very successful salesman. He is a member of the Odd Fellows. If every citizen of Mt. Carmel were as progressive and ambitious as Mr. Jewell, the city would grow rapidly and if every body here were as much interested in the advancement of the city as he is, they would advertise Mt. Carmel's advantages all over the country. Mr. Jewell is justly popular here and makes friends wherever he goes and the "Jewel Bakery" has the largest and most select trade of the city.

**L. T. PHILLIPS**, Grocer.—A clean, tasty grocery conducted in a polite, business-like manner is something that a community should feel thankful for. Such a business is conducted by L. T. Phillips, dealer in groceries, provisions, glassware, tinware, confections, fruits, dried and smoked meats, vegetables and general merchandise. The store was opened some four years ago by its present proprietor, who has not failed to make it financially profitable. Mr. Phillips was born in 1848 in Sussex County, Delaware and was educated in the public schools and High School at Laurel, Del. He farmed for several years, but, learning to be a telegraph operator, he latterly engaged himself in that occupation. Later on he worked for the Government on the Wabash River and by industry and diligent application was finally promoted and was given charge of the Government River Improvement Fleet. He is associated with the Masons, I. O. O. F., Eastern Star and the A. O. U. W.

**FOSTER & SON**, Stationers.—We must always have our periodicals to while away our idle hours; we must always use our stationery either in our office for business use or to pen a letter to some far off friend; and the younger generation positively needs school books and school supplies in order to properly pursue their studies and various classical exercises. Foster & Son handle all such articles. In their store you can purchase all kinds and qualities of stationery, books, periodicals, school supplies and all the latest novelties and notions for the study. They have been conducting the business for the past four months, having succeeded the firm of Chipman & Foster. The present firm are almost life-long inhabitants of this city and have the confidence of all her citizens.

**W. H. GRAHAM**, Agent of the Singer Sewing Machine Co.—Mr. Graham was born in Canada June 10, 1849. He was instructed and educated in the common schools. He was long a resident of Sioux City Iowa and a year ago was appointed agent here for the Singer Sewing Machine Co. He sells machines to residents and firms in these counties: Wayne, Edwards, Hamilton, White, Williamson, Saline, Gallatin, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Massac and Wabash. He operates 17 wagons in the sale of sewing machines and he employs quite a bevy of sub-agents. Mr. Graham is a very genial gentleman and numbers many warm friends. He has

not figured very much in politics, but he is a very staunch Republican. Says he, "I may not be a Christian, a Jew, a Gentile or an Agnostic, but I wish to say most emphatically that I am a Republican in this good Republican year."

**H. A. HATCH** Watchmaker and Optician. No Charge for Examination. Satisfaction Guaranteed.—Very little straining pains the eye and injures sight and the care of vision should be relegated to a competent optician. If sore or diseased eyes are not attended to at once, they may get beyond medical aid. H. A. Hatch is much practised in optical pursuits and is capable to do justice to his patients. He repairs watches and conducts a jewelry store in connection with his office and you can procure from him any number, style or quality of eyeglasses and spectacles. Mr. Hatch was born in Brookfield, Vt., in 1852 and learned his letters and arithmetic in the "little log school-house." He has owned and managed his business here for a year and a half and in that short time he has gained the entire confidence of the people.

**JOHN F. SMITH**, General Blacksmith.—Mr. John F. Smith was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1850, but learned all the rudiments of his books, morals and trade at Evansville, Ind. Thirty-five years experience in this occupation have made him a thorough blacksmith. He has been in Mt. Carmel twenty-one years and has been proprietor of his own

establishment sixteen years. He shoes horses, makes horse shoes, repairs buggies and wagons, as well as reflexes farm implements. Whatever work he does he always does well and never loses a customer because his work is not satisfactory. The people throughout the city and county know Mr. Smith's merit full well and appreciate his thorough, excellent work as an experienced general blacksmith. Personally Mr. Smith is a very pleasant man, with a kind word for all and is immensely liked by the general public.

**ROBERT & F. B. PARKINSON CO.**, Elevator.—The Robert & F. B. Parkinson Co. run the largest elevator in Wabash County. The elevator has a capacity of 25,000 bushels and about a quarter of a million bushels a year is the customary amount of grain handled. The elevator has been controlled by the present company for six years. Prior to that time the elder Mr. Parkinson, as the firm's predecessor, had operated in the grain business. The company deals in grain, seed and general farm products. The commercial part of the house is managed by the Parkinsons, who have an office in town, but the elevator is superintended over by Mr. E. J. Moyer, a native of this city and a man who has always lived and worked here. Mr. Moyer has been in this business for twenty years and is acquainted with every detail thereof. He is very popular with all classes here and served the people as City Treasurer of Mt. Carmel.

## CENTRALIA.

Centralia, is a beautiful city of about 6,000 people, including those living within her borders, but residing beyond her corporate limits in the adjacent counties. There is perhaps no city of its size in the state that is better shaded, even taking those into consideration built up in the forests where shade had already grown. Every citizen here who owns a lot, plants trees along the street in front, whether they build or not. Its streets are broad avenues shaded by magnificent trees whose expanding branches in many places form arches, presenting long vistas of refreshing and inviting shadow.

Centralia has, to her population, more fine glass fronts than any city in the state and has mercantile establishments that would do credit to any city five times her size and trade for twenty-five miles or more comes to Centralia to purchase.

Its schools are among the best and give the youth of the city and surrounding country the opportunity of a fine academic education. A well constructed High School building graces the central portion, while ward schools are located in various parts of the city. The schools are universally patronized by the people and highly prized.

The city has a Public Library of 5,000 volumes.

It has one of the finest Fair Grounds in the State, efficiently and successfully managed.

Centralia's commanding position and fine railroad system have largely contributed to her progress and development. The people as a whole are among the most enterprising and industrious of western communities and have always shown a strong and persistent disposition to improve every opportunity offered for the enhancement of the city's welfare.

Geographically, Centralia is situated in the heart of Central Southern Illinois, sixty-four miles from the city of St. Louis equidistant from the Mississippi and Wabash rivers and the water shed between these the Kaskaskia and Little Wabash rivers pass adjacent, the former on the west and the latter on the east.

There is no lack of water in the city for all purposes. This is obtained in abundance from creeks and at a moderate depth from wells.

The streets are broad, well shaded and are laid out at right angles.

The business houses are large and substantially built, while the residence portion of the city contains many costly and elegant private residences.

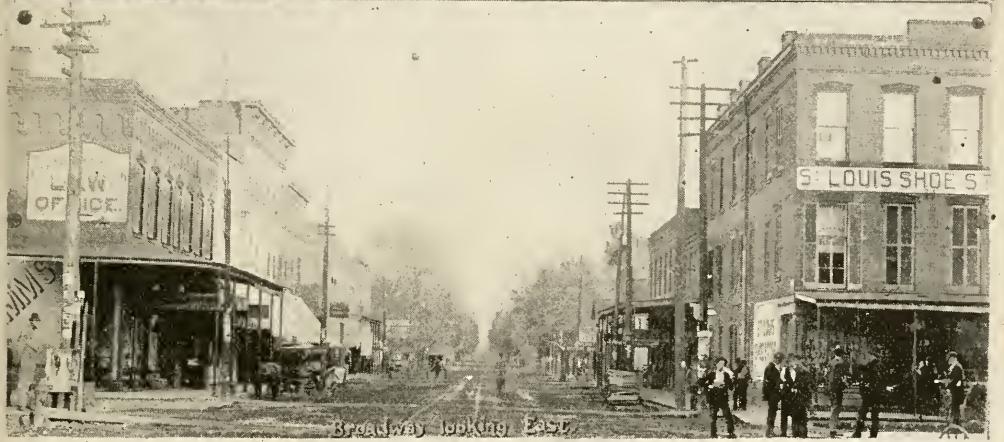
There are also park-laws and public squares.

Like all towns along its line, Centralia, as the name implies, sprang up with the building of the Illinois Central Railroad. It was laid out by Jones, Gregory & Hickney, May 21-1853. It was platted into sixteen blocks of ten lots each. Subsequently territorial accessions were effected by Jones & McClelland's addition, October 25th 1853, A. P. Crosby's addition, March, 1854, Illinois Central Railroad Co.'s. addition, which is Centralia proper, was laid out in May 1855, Andrew J. Pearly's, addition was laid out in 1866, Isaac McClelland's, addition, 1865, P. H. Robinett's addition, 1866, S. Frazer's addition, 1869 and Watson's Place by George Watson, 1855. These are the principal additions made to the city which constitute the Centralia of today.

The first building of any kind within the city limits was erected by Thomas Green, a log house, during the construction of the Illinois Central railroad in the vicinity. He boarded the graders and employees of the company. This house was located on the lot now occupied by the Sadler block. From this on the town began to grow. The first stores being those of McCord & Davenport and A. P. Crosby, both located in South Centralia. Then followed M. O'Melveny, Kohl & Warner.

The Illinois Central Railroad Company began the erection of their round-house and machine shops, depot and hotel in 1853. It was this company's original intention to erect this building near Crooked Creek in the vicinity of Central City, but failing to agree as to the price of land owned by O'Melberry & Gall resulted in the location of these works at the present point.

The city of Centralia is supplied with several good hotels and her business men are energetic and enterprising to a marked degree. Her commercial interests are well promoted by thrifty merchants who are wide awake. A large trade is thus controlled by them in the adjacent farming districts and neighboring towns along the lines of the splendid railroad systems which subserved the important commercial interests of Centralia and this



C. G. DERLETH.

JOHN SCHMELZER.



QUEEN CITY HOTEL.

portion of Southern Illinois.

#### RAILROADS.

The Illinois Central Railroad embraces a system several thousand miles in extent; reaching from the far off Dakotas—the blizzard home of the frozen king, to the sylvan retreat of old king Rex on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico. The two trunk lines, one from Sioux City and Omaha, and the other from Chicago, connect at Centralia and thence proceed as a single trunk line to New Orleans. This Southern Division is now being double tracked to accommodate the immense traffic carried on by this great system. It was through the facilities offered by this line, pouring the luscious products of Southern Illinois into the northern markets, that the wonderful fruit capabilities of this section became known. The great fruit trains that daily go thundering along this vast system with the speed of a lightning express, convey a lesson that can only be appreciated when seen. To this system must be added the well-known route the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern railroad, formerly the Ohio & Mississippi railroad which traverses the entire length of Marion and Clinton Counties, passing through Salem, Inka, Odie, Sandoval, Shattuc, Huey, Carlyle, Breese, Trenton and other important towns in the counties. The great passenger and freight traffic carried on between the east and the west over this road is too well-known to need any lengthy comment as to its immense volume. It furnishes access to all the markets east and west and also to the south through its traffic connections. The Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis, better known as the "Air Line," completed the remaining link in its connection between Louisville and St. Louis. This road passes through Jefferson, part of Marion and across the entire breadth of Clinton counties and runs nearly parallel with and mid-way between the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern and the Louisville & Nashville Railways. This road is an important one in this section, opening up a section of country to the East and South not reached directly by any other road. It also offers another great through line to all the markets of the east and west.

The Jacksonville Southeastern Railway is one of the most important roads in the list, to the people of these counties. It enters the limits of Clinton county near the southeastern corner of Bond county not far north of Keyserport and runs southeast through that village, also Boulder, Shattuc and Centralia, the metropolis of the four counties, thence to Walnut Hill and Drivers in Jefferson county its present terminus.

The Centralia & Chester Railroad has opened up one of the richest sections of Southern Illinois to the south-west of Centralia, traversing the finest portion of the state; it has the additional advantage of following the trend of transcontinental traffic and thus offers to the agriculturist and the manufacturer easy communication with the best markets of the country as well as to the mineral and timber supplies of the Southeast. The importance of this commercial artery can not be over-estimated in its advantages to this section and particularly to Centralia.

These roads all center at Centralia and from thence branch out like the legs of spiders to all points of the compass, giving to the people of the four counties at whose contiguous corners Centralia stands, transportation equal to the most favored cities and sections of the State.

The mineral resources of this section are of such importance that it may be truthfully stated that the coal product alone constitutes one of the largest sources of commercial thrift. The whole country is underlaid at various depths with inexhaustible beds of coal. At Centralia, in the center of this district, the deposit is of an average thickness of fully seven feet and of a very superior quality. The mines are 569 feet deep. The vein dips to the north and approaches the surface to the south. Nearly every town of any importance in this section has its coal mine. Centralia has two in active operation and doing a splendid business. Cheap fuel is an assured fact for all time to come in Southern Illinois. Coal is cheaper in this the 5th coal district than any other in the state, the average price at the mines during the year 1888 being 86 cents per ton and is now even cheaper.

The soil of Southern Illinois is adapted to the growth of all the staple farm products common to

other portions of the state, but as a fruit country Southern Illinois can safely challenge the world. As an apple country she stands the peer of all. With mild winters, favorable soil and unequalled shipping facilities, there is no better place in the west for the intelligent horticulturist to locate and engage in his chosen profession. He finds here at his own door one of the best apple markets in the country as well as the most prolific fruit soils. The rapidity with which this industry is developing, under the stimulus of large yields and profitable returns, speaks volumes as to the horticultural resources of this country. Centralia is today one of the best apple markets of the country, made so by the northern and eastern buyers who come here to compete for the apple crop with the local dealers and the Chicago and other western, northern and southern markets. Apple growing is still in its infancy here. Thousands of acres of cheap fruit lands are lying idle here inviting the hand of intelligent industry to make it profitable. The farmer who grows apples grows rich. All his crop is saved. The vinegar factory, the cider mill, brandy still and evaporator take all his crop that he does not send to market and at prices that will yield a profit.

Nursery stock is cheap here and the varieties best adapted to this country can be found in our local nurseries of which we have many and entirely reliable. The experienced cultivator buys the home grown stock.

The section of the country lying within a radius of ten miles of Centralia is the famous strawberry section of Southern Illinois, which ships more berries than any other point in the Mississippi Valley. The soil and the climate is peculiarly adapted to this fruit and immense yields reward the careful cultivator. Want of space will deny elaborate statistics, but it will convey to the reader some idea of the magnitude of this business to state that the crop of 1889 in the section mentioned was not less than 250 car loads. Some years the money paid pickers in the field tributary to Centralia have aggregated as much as \$50,000 and seldom falls below \$40,000. The crop of 1889 amounted to about 130,000 cases, requiring nearly \$60,000 to pay the one expense of picking alone. It has proved very profitable as a crop; this section being located in a latitude where the crop is ripening when the national consumption is the greatest.

The social conditions of the people of Centralia are in keeping with the most progressive spirit of the age. Good schools and churches are not wanting. The people are cosmopolitan in character and disposition and hospitable in their treatment to strangers.

The city has a population of about six thousand. The streets and many of the stores are lighted by electricity or gas.

Places of amusement are numerous and well patronized.

Centralia may well lay claim to being the Queen City, and her commercial importance entitles her to the appellation. Her future is full of promise and her people are deserving the highest consideration for the energy and sound judgment that have been manifested in their business relations at home and abroad.

**OLD NATIONAL BANK,** Of Centralia. U. S. Depository.—The old National Bank of Centralia is one of the earliest and most ably managed under the national banking system in the west. Its career has been a very prosperous one and is closely allied with the growth and development of the city. It was organized in 1865 as the First National Bank of Centralia under the National Currency Act of 1862, a reorganization was effected in 1885 and the present name assumed. It has a paid up capital of \$80,000, a surplus fund of \$20,000 and undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid, amounting to nearly \$10,000. Its available resources are nearly a half a million dollars. It is managed by the following citizens of Centralia: Mr. E. S. Condit, president, of the firm, E. S. & H. M. Condit, lumber dealers; S. M. Warner, vice-president, also president of the Centralia Mining and Manufacturing Co.; Mr. F. Kohl, Cashier, also interested in the Centralia Mining and Manufacturing Co. and other important local enterprises. The magnificent building, the bank's property, occupied, they erected in 1888. The first floor is devoted to the bank

room and presidents office, directors and bank officers room. The interior arrangement and equipment of them are in the best modern style. The upper floor is designed for the best offices in the city. A general banking business is here transacted, every modern system which in any way tends to enhance or benefit financial operations being utilized. The bank receives upon favorable terms the accounts of banks, bankers, corporations, firms and individuals and makes collections through its perfectly organized system of correspondence, buys and sells exchange on all the principal cities of the United States, the Dominion of Canada and Europe, handles coin and government bonds of all kinds and allows interest on time deposits. President Condit and his associates are to be congratulated upon the prosperity attending well directed efforts. They have all been residents of Centralia between thirty-five to forty years and are closely identified with the city's commercial growth and development. The directory besides the gentlemen already mentioned, is composed of Mr. Jacob Erbes, a retired merchant and capitalist, Mr. C. Davis, Vice-President of the Pittinger & Davis Mining & Manufacturing Co., Mr. W. M. Casey, a retired farmer, Mr. S. L. Dwight, a prominent member of the legal profession.

**W. W. SCOTT, Staple and Fancy Groceries, Etc.**—It is a noteworthy fact that the merchants of Centralia display fine taste and good judgement in the style and appointments of their stores. These are equal in many respects to the establishments seen in large cities, and attest the high commercial standing and progressive tendencies of her merchants. A leading house of this class is that of Mr. W. W. Scott, dealer in staple and fancy groceries, queensware, etc. The business was established four years ago and since the start has met with public favor and developed an extensive and steadily increasing volume of trade in the city and its surroundings. The premises occupied are eligibly located on the west side of Locust street in the vicinity of the Post-Office. The store has dimensions 40x150 feet and is stocked to repetition with highly diversified and very select lines of the goods referred to above. Seven polite salespeople attend to the wants of customers and a perfect system prevails in each department of this model concern under the personal supervision of Mr. Scott assisted by his chief clerk, Mr. W. L. Keown. A warehouse for reserve stock is also maintained and two delivery wagons. Mr. Scott has been a resident of Centralia since 1864 and has been and still is a large fruit grower. He owns a fine fruit and garden farm in the vicinity to which he devotes much of his valuable time and energy being himself an experienced horticulturist. Mr. Scott hails from the great state of Texas. His success is due to commendable business foresight and the exercise of honorable methods in his dealings.

**H. G. CORMICK, Hardware, Tinware, Woodenware, Wagon Material, Iron and Wood Pumps.**—This gentleman is a conspicuous representative of the enterprising young merchant. The business he succeeds to had its inception fifteen years ago under the name of Teets Bros, who were succeeded in turn by B. Teets & Son, and them by Baltzell & Kell, the latter by Baltzell & Cormick. Four years ago Mr. H. G. Cormick the junior partner of the latter firm bought out Mr. Baltzell's interest in the business and has since conducted it alone with unvarying success and increasing importance, conditions due to business foresight and good management. The stock carried in the above is very full and comprehensive and is displayed to good advantage by a system of artistic lettering on covers of shelves that carry small wares. This is at once attractive and forcibly suggests to the would be purchaser what he stands in need of. Other goods are displayed in fine plate glass show cases and in all respects this store is a model of its kind. The premises are situated on Locust and First South streets near the Post-Office and have dimensions 30x60. A completely equipped shop in the rear gives employment to a force of workmen in tin, copper, and sheet iron, tin roofing and gutter work. An extensive warehouse in the rear is also maintained for reserve stock. Mr. Cormick has been a resident of Centralia thirty years. He came here in early youth and was formerly in the railroad business. He also learned the printer's trade. So-

cially he is identified with the I. O. O. F., B. L. E. and B. L. F. and holds the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

**EXCHANGE BANK OF CENTRALIA.**—Among the most reliable and conservatively conducted financial institutions of Southern Illinois is the Exchange Bank of Centralia. It was organized in 1833, under the firm name of E. B. Marshall & Co. Since the death of Mr. E. B. Marshall in 1890 the business has been conducted under the same designation with Mr. J. E. Marshall a son of the deceased as Cashier and business manager; the heirs to Mr. E. B. Marshall's estate being all intrusted in the business besides and having vested rights in considerable property within and outside the city of Centralia, which he the deceased had acquired during his professional and business career in Illinois since 1848. The Exchange Bank was but one of Mr. E. B. Marshall's many successful business conceptions. This institution offers every facility and convenience to its customers. A general banking business is done upon a systematic plan, it discounts much of the choicest commercial paper issued, buys and sells exchange on the principal cities in this country and Canada; places loans on approved security and in every respect is qualified to meet to the fullest extent the needs and requirements of the public.

**CENTRALIA FLOURING MILLS, J. II. & J. T. Johnson, Proprietors.** Foot of Locust Street.—The milling industry of Southern Illinois is ably represented in the city of Centralia by the firm of Messrs. J. H. and J. T. Johnson, successors to Messrs. Johnson & Cunningham. The enterprise had its inception under the firm name of May, Johnson & Cunningham in 1877. The present firm was organized in April four years ago and they have materially added to their facilities and largely increased the volume of trade controlled by them. Their plant comprises five double sets rolls for flour and one set for feed. A 60 h. p. engine is utilized and a capacity of one hundred barrels per diem is developed. The firm's special brand of flour is known to the trade by the designation of "Fidelity" which is suggestive of the firm's good faith to their patrons. The plant covers a half a block in area and is owned by the firm whose members have been residents of Centralia since the founding of the enterprise in 1877. Mr. J. II. Johnson is formerly from Pennsylvania where he was formerly engaged in the same industry. Since his residence here he has become well identified with Centralia. He has filled the position of City Alderman one term. Mr. J. T. Johnson, his son is a native of the Key Stone State and has always been connected with his father in business as an apprentice and assistant until the formation of the present co-partnership. He is experienced and efficient in the milling industry and is recognized as a progressive young business man.

**J. W. BARNEs, Harness.**—The manufacture of harness, saddles, bridles etc. is ably represented by Mr. J. W. Barnes of this city. His shop and salesroom are located on Locust street opposite the Post-Office. Here may be found a completely equipped establishment conducted upon a systematic plan. The business was inaugurated at Richview, Illinois forty years ago and some nine years ago removal was made to this city with a view to the extension of trade. Mr. Barnes manufactures from prime materials light and heavy harness, saddles, bridles, hairts, straps, etc. and carries a select stock of horse blankets, lap-robés, duster nets, whips and miscellaneous stable and horse furnishing supplies; the most complete stock in these lines in this part of the state. Buggies and road carts also constitute a feature of the business. The premises are large and commodious, comprising three separate departments; the salesroom in front, the harness shop in the center and a carriage repository in the rear, where may also be found stage platforms for the storage of material and reserve stock. Mr. Barnes long connection with this business eminently qualifies him in its conduct. His two sons L. R. and A. C. Barnes have always co-operated with him in business and are also practically experienced men in their line. Socially Mr. J. W. Brown affiliates with the I. O. O. F. and in business circles he is held in high favor. The sons are also recognized as enterprising

merchants and worthy citizens. Mr. A. C. Barnes is a member of the K. of P. and the I. O. O. F. and Mr. L. R. Barnes is an active member of the G. A. R., having served during the war in the 11th. Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

**Wm. COURTNEY & SONS**, Grocers and Commission Merchants, 119 South Locust Street.—The dealing in groceries, flour and provisions is an industry that occupies the attention of no inconsiderable portion of our mercantile community. A popular and reliable house in this line is Wm. Courtney & Sons. The business had its inception in Richview, Ill., through Mr. Wm. Courtney who subsequently transferred it to this city and admitted his sons F. G. and W. W. Courtney to co-partnership November 17-1893 and added to the business a commission department. The store has dimensions 30x60 feet, is tastefully fitted up and conveniently appointed, the upper floor being utilized for storage. The stock comprises fine lines of staple and fancy groceries; teas of the purest growths, canned goods in great variety, table delicacies of every description, the best brands of flour and a full line of provisions, including farm and garden products of every kind. This stock is fresh, choice and ample; the business is brisk and the quotations are such as to defy the sharpest competition. This house has gained rapidly in public favor by reason of its liberal views and its sense of honor in the transaction of business. The senior of the firm Mr. Wm. Courtney is very favorably known to the farming community in Marion and Clinton counties, as a prompt and upright merchant. The sons are intelligent young men and bring to their aid in the conduct of the business a valuable experience connected with Southern Illinois' great railroad system. This house is a valuable addition to Centralia's commercial thrift. Its advent in this city is one of the most favorable indications of Centralia's mercantile progress and development.

**SAMUEL L. DWIGHT**, Attorney-at-Law. Office Old National Bank Building.—There is a sublime fascination attached to the profession of law. Its successful pursuit demands special adaptability in the individual and hence no ordinary intelligence can grasp the scope of its power for usefulness in human affairs. Success is to succeed in any vocation and we will instance a case in point. The subject of our sketch, Mr. Samuel L. Dwight, having received a preliminary education at the public schools of his native place, Mount Vernon, Ill. took a course at the McKendree College and then studied law in the office of the law firm of Messrs. Tanner & Casey, at Mt. Vernon. He was admitted to the Bar in 1869 and commenced practice at Centralia the following year. In his general practice, Mr. Dwight has a large and influential clientele; he was elected to the State Legislature where he served his constituents faithfully and efficiently, his professional interest precluding his return. In public local affairs, he has been a member of the School Board, two terms. He is now general Council for the Centralia & Chester Railroad Company and Attorney for the Home Loan and Building Association. He is a director of the Old National Bank and is possessed of considerable property, the fruits of his honorable professional career. As a soldier in the Union cause, he enlisted as a private in the 60th Illinois Volunteer Infantry and reached the rank of Captain of his Company and before the close of the war, making the memorable march to the Sea and through the Carolina's with Sherman. Captain Dwight is an active member of the G. A. R. and identified with the I. O. O. F. and the K. of P.

**W. D. RICHARDSON**, Physician and Surgeon. Old National Bank Building.—Dr. Richardson is among the leading exponents in Southern Illinois of theory and practice in the science of Medicine and Surgery. He is a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Keokuk, Ia. class 1875. He entered upon the practice of his profession in Fayette County Illinois and came to Centralia in 1882, opening an office on Broadway at first and removed to his present comfortably appointed rooms in the Old National Bank Building in 1887. Dr. Richardson soon gained popularity for proficiency in his profession and his practice covers every phase of medical treatment and diagnosis, of surgery and clinical investigation. His skill has procured for

him positions of great responsibility: He is identified with the Association of Railway Surgeons and holds the positions of Surgeon for the Jacksonville, Peoria & St. Louis and Chief Surgeon for the Centralia & Chester Railroad Companies. He is also an Alderman from the Second Ward and socially he is identified with the K. of P., I. O. O. F. and M. W. of A. Our subject is a native of Ohio and since 1882 has been a resident of Centralia. His success and popularity are due to skill and conscientious care in the practice of his profession, united with an amiable and sympathetic disposition, supplemented by a laudable ambition to excel. He is president of the Home Building and Loan Association.

**G. L. PITTINGER**, Groceries. South Locust Street.—Mr. Pittenger commenced this business in 1866 occupying a building on the opposite side of the street where he remained fifteen years, when removal was made to the present commodious block built expressly to accommodate a large trade. These premises have dimensions 60x80 feet, two story brick, one third of the first floor in the north end being occupied by the Post-Office the remainder by Mr. Pittenger's store. The second floor is devoted to office purposes. The stock of goods carried is unquestionably superior in quality, very large and highly diversified. Ten polite and attentive assistants are here employed and three delivery wagons utilized. Mr. Pittenger bears the reputation of being the oldest merchant in his line in business here now. His honorable career attests the appreciation in which he is held. He was president of the Centralia Mining and Manufacturing Co. eight years and is now president of the Pittenger & Davis Mining and Manufacturing Co. Mr. Pittenger is a veteran of the War of the Rebellion, having enlisted in the 8th Illinois Volunteer Infantry and subsequently received the staff appointment in Government Railroad service. He is an active member of the G. A. R., an enterprising and liberal minded merchant and a public spirited citizen of the Queen City.

**KOHL BROS.**, Wholesale and Retail Grocers, Broadway and Locust Street.—Illinois cannot boast of a more completely fitted and equipped grocery store than the establishment of the Kohl Brothers. This firm, composed of two energetic young business men, Mr. A. Kohl and Mr. F. Kohl, Jr., succeeded to the business four years ago which had been conducted by the reliable old house of Kohl & Warner established in 1855. The premises occupied are eligibly situated, corner Broadway and Locust street. It has dimensions 20x125 feet with main entrance on Broadway and connecting with Locust street in the rear by an L annex which is devoted to the storage of reserve stock and utilized for shipping and local deliveries. The main store is stocked with standard brands of family flour, canned goods in great variety, condiments, fine teas and coffees and table delicacies of all kinds. The business is done at wholesale and retail and the principals give their personal attention to details. This house has been favored with a liberal patronage which the energy and good judgment of the members of the present firm have increased to such an extent that they are now among the leaders in their line in Southern Illinois. The house also maintains a storage warehouse on the west side and employs nine persons and two delivery wagons. They control an extensive select family trade in the city and vicinity and supply dealers in towns situated in Marion and adjacent counties. The gentlemen comprising the firm are the sons of Mr. F. Kohl Sr., the veteran Cashier of the Old National Bank of Centralia. They are held in high favor in social as well as in business circles at home and have the confidence and respect of all with whom they have business relations abroad. A special feature of this firm's methods in the conduct of their business is the blending scientifically of teas so as to obtain the greatest degree of digestive merit and flavor from that popular beverage and at the same time avoid any unpleasant effect to the nervous system.

**S. A. FRAZIER.** Attorney-at-Law, 122 Locust Street.—Wm. Frazier whose practice as a lawyer is mainly commercial, probate and chancery, is a native of Indiana and has been a resident of this city upwards of forty years. He studied law in the office of Wm. Stoker and entered upon the practice in 1839. Mr. Frazier devotes much of his time and energy to business occupations in which he has achieved marked success. He represents several reliable insurance corporations; the Phoenix of New York; Liverpool, London and Globe of London, England; Sun Fire, of London; Western Assurance, of Toronto; Royal Fire Insurance Co., of England; Springfield Insurance Co., of Springfield, Mass.; Franklin, of Philadelphia; North British and Mercantile, of Edinburgh; Fireman's Fund, of Cal. and New York Underwriters, of New York. Mr. Frazier is Attorney for the Centralia Building and Loan Association and occupies the position of City Alderman. Mr. Frazier devotes time to conveyancing and furnishing abstracts of title and may be classed as one of the busiest men in Centralia and he is apparently equal to his self-imposed task.

**SCHMELZER & DERLETH,** Jewelers, 126 East Broadway.—Mr. John Schmelzer established this enterprise in Centralia some six years ago and was subsequently joined by Mr. C. G. Derleth, both practically experienced men in their line. Mr. Schmelzer was formerly with Mr. Gus Hoffman the leading jeweler of Lebanon, Ill., and Mr. Derleth was in the business in East St. Louis. Mr. W. L. Derleth is the firm's confidential clerk and three expert jewelers are employed. The place is admirably appointed and arranged for the display of their costly and attractive stock which comprises all the leading makes of American watches in gold, silver and jewelled cases, while in diamonds and in other gems a very choice stock is carried. The jewelry embraces all the new styles that have been made popular by the desires of fashion and is of such a character that the firm will guarantee it to be just as represented. In silver and plated wares they have many unique and artistic designs and pride themselves on their ability to quote prices that will bear comparison with the same class of goods in Chicago or St. Louis. This house has a high reputation for the excellence of their railroad time pieces and are the authorized watch inspectors for the Illinois Central Railroad at this point. Clocks and optical goods of all kinds occupy a prominent place in this store. Socially Mr. Schmelzer is identified with the K. of P. and the M. W. of A. His associate Mr. Derleth, affiliates with the A. O. U. W. and the K. of P. Both gentlemen are recognized as enterprising merchants and popular citizens.

**MEAT MARKET,** A. D. TROUT, Prop. West Broadway. A recent accession to Centralia's meat purveying facilities is the establishment by Mr. A. D. Trout of a model market on West Broadway. The stand was formerly occupied by Mr. T. A. Wright from whom Mr. Trout purchased in August of this year. This is an old stand that needed a new proprietor and through considerable business foresight the present enterprising proprietor embraced the opportunity and is rapidly paving the way to a successful business future. Mr. Trout is from the neighboring town of Odin where he was engaged in the same line for sixteen years. With this experience, united to his sterling business qualifications, he will soon inaugurate himself in the favor of the people on the west side. He has already attracted a substantial patronage. His place is neat and clean, provided with every convenience for dry and cold storage; electric lights etc.; he has three assistants and a wagon. He does his own butchering and has a slaughter house for the purpose and has in contemplation the establishment of a branch Market on the South Side. The trade extends to the surrounding farming districts. Game and poultry during their seasons are kept. Mr. Trout is identified with the M. W. of A. A special feature of his business and for which he is admirably qualified both by experience and equipment, is the purchase and sale of live stock on the hoof. In this he deals in carload lots controlling a large trade in Chicago and St. Louis. He has followed this business for several years and he is an adept in the line.

**L. H. REED,** 108 East Broadway.—Attention is called to Mr. L. H. Reed's New Enterprise, one of the most recent accessions to Centralia's commercial thrift. Mr. Reed was formerly in the drug business here and in the state of Indiana, but having a predilection for the boot and shoe business, he embarked in the present enterprise October 1st, of the present year. With the experience of many years in business and the energy with which he engages and pursues his avocation, the assurance of success awaits his well directed efforts in the future. His store, at the above location is handsomely appointed and well stocked with a highly select line of ladies', gentlemen's, youth's and children's foot wear. These are purchased from first hands and selected with a view to meeting the requirements of the most exacting customer. Mr. Reed's commercial standing is of the best and he is fast gaining popularity among discriminating purchasers of reliable goods in his line. Socially he is identified with the I. O. O. F., Queen City Lodge No. 179 and at present deputy of the Lodge and representative of the Grand Lodge of the State. He is also a K. of P. and an active member of the M. E. Church.

**WEST SIDE DRUG STORE,** J. J. Pfaff & Co., Props. This business had its inception in March 1876, Messrs. J. J. Pfaff and Joseph Heftter being the firm. The stock carried embraces fresh drugs and chemicals, extracts, tinctures, pharmaceutical compounds, proprietary remedies of well known merit and reputation, the latest novelties in druggist's fancy goods, toilet articles, perfumery, fine wines and liquors for medicinal purposes, surgeon's and physician's appliances, sick room requisites, etc., paints, oils and painters supplies and wall papers. A completely equipped Laboratory is also maintained. Mr. Pfaff is a native of Switzerland, but has been on American soil since 1844 and a resident of this city since 1863. He was formerly employed in the drug business in Iowa and has had twenty years experience. He is a regular registered pharmacist. His associate Mr. Heftter is a Hungarian by birth, thirty years in this country and a resident of Centralia since 1865. He is Teller of the Old National Bank. This is the leading house in its line in the city. The firm will remove to their new building on West Broadway this fall.

**GEO. M. CRIST,** Staple and Fancy Groceries, West Broadway.—Representative among the houses of Centralia is that of Mr. Geo. M. Crist, who established business here October 21-1887. At the start the location was across the way but removal was made to the present commodious quarters April 1-1890 in order to accomodate a rapidly expanding business. In such staples as flour, provisions, sugars, syrups, soaps, tobaccos, cigars etc., Mr. Crist is prepared to offer substantial inducements to purchasers. In coffees, fresh and pure splices, foreign and domestic fruits, condiments, sauces, pickles etc., his stock challenges comparison. Orders are filled with care and dispatch. Two competent assistants are employed and a delivery wagon utilized. The store has dimensions 20x80 feet. Mr. Crist has been a resident of Centralia fifteen years. He was born in Newark Perry County, Ohio and formerly lived in Salem, Ill. He has served as City Alderman two years and socially he is identified with the K. of P. His success is well deserved and his continued prosperity assured.

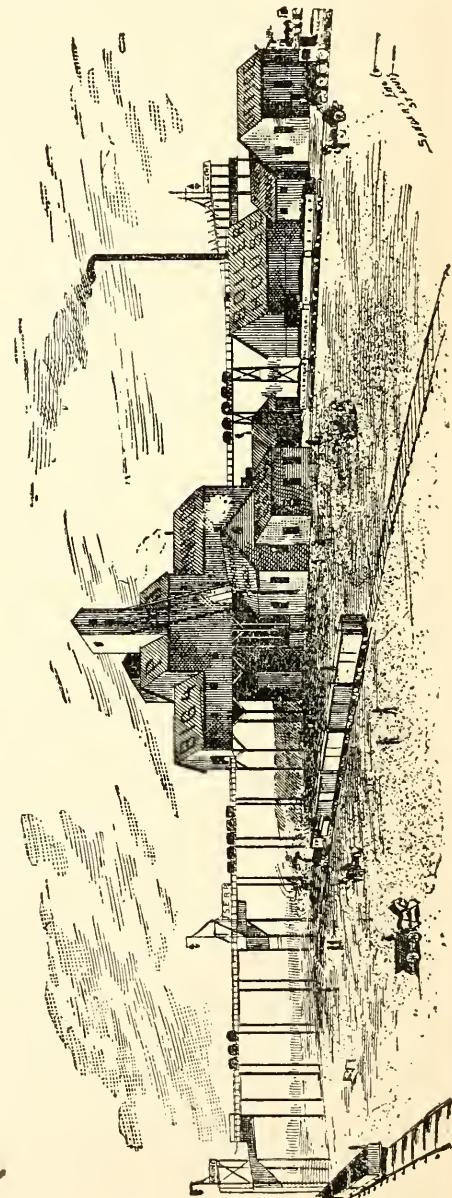
**HAMM DRY GOODS CO.**—This house was founded nine years ago by Messrs. T. P. and H. B. Hamm. About four years ago Mr. S. W. Hamm purchased the interest of the latter and the firm assumed the present name. The store has dimensions 40 feet on Broadway by a depth of 100 feet on Locust street a broad corner entrance and fine plate glass show windows which are dressed in elegant style. Inside the stock is well displayed and comprises dry-goods, notions and dress goods, millinery and fancy goods, cloaks, etc., carpets, rugs, portiers and curtains. The Messrs. Hamm are from Eastern Pennsylvania. Since the inception of their enterprise here they have studied the interests of the public in general and met the requirements of their patrons promptly.

**J. S. HOBBS & SON, Insurance, Real Estate Etc.**—In our reference to the insurance agents of Centralia it is safe to state that none stand higher in public confidence than J. S. Hobbs & Son whose office is located in the building southeast corner Broadway and Locust Street opposite Old National Bank. Mr. J. S. Hobbs, the senior of the firm established the business in 1864 and admitted his son Mr. Amos A. Hobbs to co-partnership in 1882. The latter had been connected with his father's office since early youth. They are the authorized agents of Weschester Fire Insurance Co., New York; Delaware Fire Insurance Co., Philadelphia; Northwestern Fire Insurance Co., Milwaukee; Security Fire Insurance Co., New Haven, Conn. and the Rockford Insurance Co., Rockford Ill. In life, representing The Mutual Life, Newark, N. J. With equal energy they do business in real estate, buying and selling or exchanging. Also negotiate and place loans, manage and settle estates for residents or non-residents. Mr. Hobbs senior, is a native of Wabash Co. He has been a resident of this city since embarking in business on his own account. Socially he is identified with the Masonic Order. His son and associate in business is a young man of ability and much promise. He was born in Centralia.

**F. NIEDRINGHAUS, West Side Shoe Store.** Chestnut Street Opposite Depot.—European apprenticeship in any line of trade is usually accepted as evidence of practical training and efficiency. Such is the experience of Mr. F. Niedringhaus who has been a resident of this city since 1867 and engaged in his present line of business, both on his own account and in the service of others since 1869. He established business associated with his brother in 1875. Custom made shoes had been the specialty of the house up to that time and since then ready made goods became the feature of the business. His brother withdrew about one and one half years ago and he has since continued the business alone with fairly good success. Mr. Niedringhaus buys his stock from first hands and none but the most serviceable and stylish foot-wear find a place on his shelves. His long experience and practical knowledge commend him to public patronage and he is strictly reliable in his business relations with customers and the prices quoted are as low as is consistent with the quality and style of the goods offered for sale. Mr. Niedringhaus is popular among all classes of the community.

**C. F. PRICKETT, Pioneer Drug Store. Also Books, Paints and Glass.**—This popular pharmacy is the pioneer in Centralia. For a quarter of a century at least, the place has been devoted to the drug business. Three years ago Mr. C. F. Prickett the present enterprising proprietor became the owner by purchase from Mr. L. H. Reed and with added facilities and increased stock, Mr. Prickett has since controlled a liberal patronage. He is a registered pharmacist under the Illinois State Law and attended the Cincinnati College of Pharmacy. His experience in the drug business covers a period of over twenty years. He was formerly in Carbondale Ill. in the same line and is a stock holder in the First National Bank of that city. In Centralia Mr. Prickett is interested in the Ice and Cold Storage Co. In public life, he has held the positions of City Treasurer and a member of the Board of Education at Carbondale Ill. several years. Our subject was born at Fairmont, West Virginia May 9th, 1852 and came with his parents to Carbondale Ill. in early childhood. He was educated at the public schools. His parents, James M. and Mary (nee Philip) were among the early settlers of Carbondale, his father holding the position of City Judge of that town sixteen years. The subject of our sketch was joined in marriage to Miss Nannie D. Perrine in 1873. Two children have blessed this union, a son and a daughter. The latter is deceased and the former named Bertie is a young man preparing himself in Pharmacy under his father's direction. Socially, Mr. Prickett is identified with the I. O. O. F. as Grand Representative of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and Grand Patriarch of the state of Illinois. He is also a Knight Templar and a K. of P. He is vice-president of the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association and is well known among druggists and doctors of the state.

**PITTENGER & DAVIS MINING & MANUFACTURING CO.** Shippers and Dealers in Coal and Ice. This undertaking was the conception of the two gentlemen whose names appear in the corporate designation. The company was organized under the state law in 1891 with an ample capital. A plant was equipped with the most approved Modern machines and appliances utilized in coal mining, the works and mine being lighted by electricity. The plant in its present improved condition develops an output capacity of 1000 tons of coal per diem. This product is known on the market as the celebrated Crooked Creek White Ash Coal, which has no superior and few to equal it, as a steam producing and forge coal. From 175 to 225 are men employed. They are placing new machinery in



their plant for the production of egg coal. The officers, Mr. Geo. L. Pittenger, president and Mr. C. C. Davis, vice-president are prominent business men and influential citizens of Centralia. The former is a leading wholesale and retail grocer, a stockholder in the Centralia Mining and Manufacturing Co. of which he was president eight years. Mr. C. C. Davis, the vice-president is also identified with many local enterprises, a director in the Old National Bank etc. This company is known to the home circle as the "Big Four." The official staff is composed of Mr. G. W. St. John, the company's efficient secretary and Mr. Ben Bulmer, superintendent of the mine. The company also have large storage facilities for ice which they supply along the lines of railroad centering here. Their enterprise is a potent factor in the commercial development and material growth of Centralia.

**ST. LOUIS SHOE STORE,** F. Schindler, Prop.—This is unquestionably the popular shoe store of the city. Mr. F. Schindler the enterprising proprietor is a former St. Louis shoe merchant, who established business here in 1883. He occupies a fine modern store on the corner of Locust street and east Broadway, having dimensions 20x40 feet, tastefully furnished and fitted up. He carries a large and well selected stock of boots and shoes, gaiters and slippers for gentlemen, youths and boys, while for ladies, misses and children everything in the way of fashionable and seasonable foot wear is here found, together with a full line of rubber goods suitable for either sex. Repairing is also done. The house is a live wide-awake one, ever abreast of the times. Inputting in stock the latest novelties and in handling the most select goods in the market and selling on close margins upon a cash basis. Mr. Schindler's experience and intimate connection with the shoe trade in St. Louis eminently qualifies him in the conduct of this business.

**JAMES BENSON,** Machinist and Founder; Also Mayor, Locust Street.—James Benson the Honorable Mayor of the city of Centralia, was elected for the third term to this responsible position in April 1892 and has proved both a popular and efficient executive of the municipal government. He has also been an Alderman two terms and has always taken an active interest in public affairs, to the promotion of the city's material growth and development. Mayor Benson was born in Manchester, England. He came to these shores in early youth and spent considerable time in New York, but has been a resident of this city since 1855. He learned the trade of machinist at first in the city of St. Louis and subsequently in the Illinois Central R. R. shops here. In 1865 he embarked in business associated with his brothers, establishing the first foundry and machine shop in Centralia. In 1874 his brothers withdrew. He employs six skilled mechanics and the work turned out is of the highest order. The failure of crops within recent years has resulted in hampering the progress of this industry, but upon the revival of trade, a more encouraging condition is anticipated. Mayor Benson's plant has a complete equipment and his practical knowledge and ability, coupled with his habits of industry, make the future full of promise for a successful prosecution of the business, resulting in a deservedly large measure of prosperity for Mr. Benson's enterprise. Mayor Benson is a gentleman of unassuming manners and very popular among all classes of the community.

**E. F. ZARBOCK,** Locust Street, Near Broadway.—This gentleman established business in 1880 and has gained the confidence of a large and steadily increasing patronage both within and outside the city limits. His place of business is large and commodious, completely stocked and equipped. He carries a superior line of both heat and cook stoves including Buck's stoves and ranges; also tinware, enameled ware and kitchen furnishings; shelf hardware and cutlery form an important part of Mr. Zarbock's stock in trade. He effects stove repairs and makes to order guttering, spouting, cornice work etc. Mr. Zarbock has been a resident of Centralia thirty years and prior to embarking into his present enterprise was connected with the business for a considerable time. He is an active and enterprising merchant and public spirited citizen.

**JAMES ADAMS,** City Meat Market, Locust Street.—One of the most popular houses in Centralia engaged in food purveying, is that of Mr. James Adams. A leading specialty is made of the celebrated Kingan hams and bacon. The manufacture of sausage is also a feature of the business in which Mr. Adams takes the lead. A well equipped sausage factory and abattoir are maintained and his market is supplied daily with the freshest and most palatable cuts of beef, mutton, veal, lamb and pork. Five assistants are employed. Mr. Adams hails from Nashville Ill. He was born and raised on a farm in the vicinity of that town. In 1888 he established the present enterprise associated with Mr. E. H. Hewitt, the latter withdrawing from the business a year later and Mr. Adams continuing the business with gratifying success. His market is neat and clean, well appointed and equipped for dry and cold storage. A very extensive city trade is controlled and occasional shipments in carcass are made to points outside. Mr. Adams is identified with the K. of. I. and the G. A. R. He was a member of the 80th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, 1st Lieutenant of Company "A." He was held as a prisoner of war, two years and was honorably discharged from the service. Mr. Adams is recognized as an enterprising merchant and a progressive citizen.

**MRS. M. M. WRIGHT,** Millinery and Fancy Goods, 224 East Broadway.—There are few ladies in Centralia more readily known and more respected than Mrs. M. M. Wright who has been established in the millinery business for eleven years in this city. She has become the leader in the art here, and is very popular. The location of her parlors is eligible being in the business centre on East Broadway. She carries a complete and highly diversified stock of fashionable millinery goods and designs. She fashions the most exquisite headgear for the society ladies. All the latest novelties are presented to patrons as soon as received and the seasonal "openings" always possess that elegance and taste in design, as produced in this country and in Europe. These products are especially selected with a view to meet the requirements and satisfy the tastes of the ladies of Centralia who place implicit confidence in Mrs. Wright's good judgement and correct opinion in such matters. The stock carried consists of flowers, trimmings of all kinds, ribbons, shapes, hats, bonnets, etc. The millinery goods are of the most recherche grades and unique designs. Reputable and experienced modistes are engaged for the work, Mrs. Wright giving her personal attention to all important details so as to insure the highest satisfaction. Her stock is obtained from first hands and a very creditable display is made of these fine goods at her place of business. Mrs. Wright visits Chicago, St. Louis, New York and Indianapolis to make her selections each season. She was formerly in Dubuque, Ia. and has been a resident of Centralia thirteen years.

**ROBERTSON,** The Tailor, 126 East Broadway—Among the arbiters of correct taste and leading styles in men's wearing apparel in this part of the state, T. W. Robertson the well known merchant tailor ranks among the foremost. He has had a long practical experience in the business and embarked in his present enterprise ten years ago and through energy and enterprise united to superior workmanship he has increased his patronage from year to year. His store is complete in its appointments and a fine display is made of elegant woolens, suittings, trouserings etc. in all the newest designs both European and American production. Mr. Robertson is a thorough practical cutter and never fails to give the best satisfaction to his patrons. Popular prices prevail, the figures quoted on work being the very lowest consistent with first class tailoring, embracing fine quality of material, perfection of fit and fashionable style. Mr. Robertson was born and raised in Pittsburgh Pa. where he learned the trade, and came to Centralia in 1870 commissioned as cutter for Mr. Ehrmann. In his social relations he is a member of the G. A. R. a Mason and is identified with the Presbyterian Church.

**QUEEN CITY HOTEL**, D. Roach, Proprietor.—After considerable outlay and labor, under circumstances that might have discouraged the most men Mr. Roach succeeded in transforming an old dilapidated business block into a comfortable and inviting hotel. The entire building two stories, fronting 80 feet on Chestnut and a depth of 50 feet was completely remodeled and furnished affording twenty-two large guest rooms, dining room, office, public parlor, laundry and kitchen. The house was opened in January 1893. The location is eligible on Chestnut street opposite the Illinois Central Depot. The treatment and considerate attention of the proprietor and his staff make the Queen City Hotel a desirable place to stop. Mr. Roach formerly conducted the Park Hotel in this city and for a time a Quick Meal restaurant at Pana, Ill. He was also engaged in the livery business for eight years and handling live stock. He employs four assistants. Mr. E. C. Hewett is his confidential clerk. Mr. Roach served during the rebellion in the 140th Ill. Vol. Infantry and is a member of the G. A. R. He descends from Revolutionary stock, his paternal grandfather Francis Roach, a native of North Carolina, having served under General George Washington. He was one of the pioneer settlers of Illinois in the vicinity of St. Louis where our subject was born.

**A. W. FORD**, Wall Paper, Room Moulding, Window Shades, Window Glass, Wire Matting, Etc. Practical Painter and Paper Hanger, 107 East Broadway.—A leading representative of the trade in artistic wall paper, interior decorating, practical painting and dealer in bronzes and gold paints, window glass, window shades, wire matting, room moulding etc. is found in the person of Mr. A. W. Ford. He was trained to the business under his father's guidance and embarked on his own account eighteen years ago last February. The arrangements of his store for the proper display of goods are excellent. Here may be seen the cheapest to the most costly products of artistic skill. These include embossed, bronze, gilt, leatherette and other papers, borders, dados, fringes and center pieces, of unique designs. Mr. Ford controls a very large and steadily increasing trade. He employs only the most skilled help and gives his personal attention to details, furnishes estimates and does work on contract. His business is not confined to the city, but extends to the adjacent towns. He was born and raised in Centralia and is favorably recognized in social as well as in business circles here. Miss Mattie Sommerville is the confidential clerk a young lady possessed of business tact and refined taste, qualifications that are essential adjuncts to the business. Mr. Ford's systematic methods, sound judgment and practical ability have won for him an enviable reputation and his future is full of promise.

**FOWLER & GEROULD**, Practical Plumbers, Water, Gas and Steam Fitters, 227 South Locust St.—of late years the subject of sanitation has received the careful study of persons who make sanitary plumbing a specialty in connection with water, gas and steam pipe fitting. Mr. R. G. Fowler established the business in March of the present year and subsequently associated with him, Mr. L. E. Gerould of Indianapolis, Ind., a practical plumber. They occupy a two story building which is completely equipped for the business in all its branches. Their stock includes plumber's and gasfitter's supplies, bath tubs, closets, hydrants, rubber hose. They handle gas stoves, well and cistern pumps, sinks, etc. They do a large business in low pressure, steam and hot water heating. This house has executed some of the first work in the city in sanitary plumbing and drainage. They have the city contract for tapping water mains etc. Mr. Fowler was formerly employed in the Illinois Central railroad shops where he learned the trade of machinist. He learned the plumber's trade in Chicago. He is a native of Rock Island Ill. and has been a resident of Centralia about twenty years and has had upwards of twelve years experience in this line. His associate, Mr. Gerould has had many years valuable experience in St. Louis and other places and is an adept in his line. The success achieved by this firm in so short a time, fully attests their efficiency and reliability.

**A. SAXER & CO.** East Broadway.—The facilities for obtaining in Centralia the choicest brands of foreign and domestic wines and liquors are by no means limited, but a public resort that is at once attractive and inviting is that owned and conducted by Messrs. A. Saxon & Co. The business was established by Mr. Henry Kurth some thirty years ago, but owing to his fruit growing which demanded his attention more and more, he formed a co-partnership with Mr. A. Saxon a practical business man about one and a half years ago. This firm's place is large and commodious and handsomely fitted up for the comfort of their patrons. A splendid stock of all the choice brands of Old Kentucky and Pennsylvania Whiskies is carried, the firm handling the products of the most noted distilleries also foreign wines of their own importation and California wines of the most popular health producing vintages. Beer on draft and bottled. Its patrons may partake of free lunch daily and have access to Chicago and St. Louis daily papers. Mr. Saxon is an adept in compounding and he also employs an efficient and polite assistant. This is the leading establishment in its line in Centralia and it carries the largest stock of any similar character in Southern Illinois. Mr. Saxon is a native of Zurich, Switzerland. He has resided in this city seven years and prior to engaging in the present enterprise was tending bar. Socially Mr. Saxon affiliates with the K. of H. and is president of the Centralia Turners' Association. Mr. Kurth his associate is a German by birth from Cologne. He has been an American soil since 1854 and upwards of thirty years a resident of Centralia. He has filled the position of Police Magistrate. Mr. Kurth's fruit farming takes up a considerable portion of his time, but his presence in the city is always appreciated by his numerous friends.

**BESANT BROTHERS**, Groceries and Provisions—This house was established in September 1891. The business is conducted on personal and commission account so well has it been managed that the firm has grown very rapidly in popularity and holds the confidence of a steadily increasing business, in the city and receives large consignments of fruits in season, country produce etc. Their stock is abundant and carefully selected daily renewals being the order of the house. The brothers E. J. and George Besant were born and raised in Centralia, and were formerly engaged in harness making. They are active, wide awake young men, keep thoroughly posted in current market values, and pay cash or trade for country produce. Their business has prospered by reason of good management and commendable fore-sight in its conduct. Mr. Geo. J. Besant is a member of the I. O. O. F.

**JACOB PEIFER**.—Mr. Peifer has been established in the business since 1887, succeeding Leichtenger Bros. He has been a resident of Centralia since 1881 and there learned the trade of Cigar Maker. He manufactures cigars, tobacco and smoking supplies of all kinds; the product of his factory finds a ready market among the dealers in the city and neighboring towns where a liberal and appreciative patronage is controlled. The leading brands placed upon the market that have met with favor and are in large and increasing demand, are the "Upper Ten" a 10¢ cigar. Mr. Peifer also makes special brands to order for his patrons when desired by them. He uses the very best imported and domestic leaf and personally inspects the product of his factory before pressing and boxing. Employment is given to 4 cigar makers regularly, and from 150,000 to 200,000 cigars are turned out annually. The store and factory are neat and trim and the visitor is always received courteously whether he is on business or pleasure bent. Mr. Peifer is identified with the Masons and the K. of P. and has the respect and confidence of all classes of the community.

**FRED HEPPERT**, Fresh and Salt Meats etc. 300 East Broadway.—There is no line of trade so important to the public generally as that which provides us with food and the most important among these industries is the one that supplies us with meat. A market where can be found fresh, clean meats and different kinds to select from; such is, in fact, the establishment of Fred Heppert, located 300 East Broadway. Mr. Heppert established the bus-

iness as recently as the sixth of September last and brings to his aid in the conduct of the business twenty years experience, five years of which was in the business on his own account in the eastern part of the city. He is now doing a flourishing trade aggregating upwards of \$1,000 monthly sales. His place is clean and neat, well appointed and inviting, features that bespeak the successful meat vendor and trained merchant. He keeps constantly on hand fresh meats including beef, mutton, veal, lamb etc. and salt meats and cured meats of all kinds, also game and fish in season, poultry, sausage etc. Mr. Heppert has been a resident of Centralia twenty nine years. He came here in early youth from Bloomington, Ind. He has through industry and frugality gained a position of influence in business circles and is very popular with his patrons. His continued success is assured.

G. E. EIS, Corner Broadway and Chestnut Street.—It is a well-known fact that notwithstanding the enormous production of cigars it is exceedingly difficult to obtain a good high class article, one that can be depended on for a consistent uniform smoke. Of such we take pleasure in making special mention in the person of Mr. G. E. Eis a cigar manufacturer of this city located on the corner of Chestnut street and West Broadway. This gentleman inaugurated the business some thirteen years ago in a modest way and now has a large and solid trade along all the railroads entering here. He manufactures the popular brands, 5c. cigars, known as Silk Hat, Cuban hand made, Big Indian, Santa Rosa and Havana Freckles which are "all the go." The same may be said of his 10c. brands, Patillo, LaFloride Eis etc. all of which are made from the best leaf, after careful inspection. Mr. Eis employs

Mr. Eis was born and raised in Dayton Ohio, and has been a resident of Centralia thirteen years. He is a stock holder in the Electric Light and Gas Co. and owns the fine business block on the corner of Broadway and Chestnut street. He is a member of the Interstate Tobacco Jobbers Association and of the Travelers Protective Association, and of the K. of P.

HAUSSLER & CORNELL, The Mammoth Furniture House 218—220 East Broadway—This business was inaugurated in a modest way by Mr. Philip Haussler, father of the present senior member of the firm in 1864, after the death of the father in 1866, his widow succeeding to the business, conducted it until 1874, when the son Mr. B. Haussler became connected with the house under the firm name of Mrs. T. Haussler & Son. In 1883 Mrs. Haussler withdrew in favor of the son E. A. Cornell. The premises now occupied comprise two stores frontage of 40 feet by a depth of 105 feet, two stories; and equipped with every modern convenience, including a work shop for repairs. Across the way a suite of handsomely fitted and abundantly stocked undertakers rooms are maintained. A beautiful hearse is available for funeral service, in the furniture store a very comprehensive stock is carried, embracing all grades, both modern and antique parlor, drawing room, dining room, library, chamber and kitchen outfitts. A secondhand furniture department is also maintained for the accommodations of patrons of moderate means. Mr. Haussler had been trained to the business under his father's guidance and he is thoroughly conversant with every detail of the furniture trade. He has been an Alderman four years, City Treasurer five years and Mayor two terms. He now holds the office of City Treasurer. Socially, Mr.



G. E. EIS.

ten cigar makers; a half a million of this excellent product is disposed of annually. He is agent for Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co., in Southern Illinois, and sole representative of Bucher & Bucher for the sale of their celebrated Hay, 5c. cigars. Mr. Eis owns considerable property in the city. Besides his stand at the above location he owns 60 feet improved property on Chestnut street opposite the Central Depot upon which he also has a factory.

Haussler is identified with the Masons, the I. O. O. F. and the K. of P. He is a native of Illinois, a comparatively young man with an intelligent wife and three interesting children. Mr. Cornell, his associate in business has been a resident upwards of thirty years. He was formerly connected with the Old National Bank as book-keeper. This house is a model of its class and controls an extensive trade in the city and neighboring towns.

**PARKINSON & HARTMAN**, Cash Dry Goods Dealers. East Broadway near Locust Street.—A view of the representative business houses of Centralia would be incomplete without mention of the reputable dry goods firm of Parkinson & Hartman. This business had its inception about one quarter of a century ago through Wm. Knight. Seven years ago the firm of Parkinson & Culifmore took control and was subsequently changed to Parkinson & Bailey and finally the present firm name was assumed. O. V. Parkinson and E. A. Hartman are young men of ability and experience and upon taking control bought the premises now occupied in order to accommodate a trade that had reached large proportions in the previously occupied store immediately adjoining on the west. The premises now have dimensions 24x100 feet, a substantial two story brick building well lighted and conveniently appointed. The stock is large and comprehensive, comprising dry goods and notions, dress goods and trimmings, ladies' and gentlemen's furnishing goods, carpets, window shades and curtains etc. Six sales people are employed the proprietors giving their personal attention to details, a large reserve stock is constantly carried and none but the most seasonable and stylish goods have a place on their counters or shelves. A very artistic display is made in the fine plate glass show windows, quite in keeping with the best metropolitan style. This firm's trade extends to neighboring towns where a considerable wholesale business is done. Both gentlemen of this firm were born and raised in Centralia. They are socially identified with the Knights of Pythias.

**SEYMOUR ANDREWS**, Police Magistrate, Notary Public, Real Estate & Insurance Agt. Pittenger Block Locust street.—In Centralia we have an example of strict official integrity and efficiency in the person of Seymour Andrews who was born, raised and educated in Centralia and vicinity. Since his arrival at manhood he has been more or less connected with public life and has devoted twenty-nine years to mercantile pursuits. He was elected to the position of Police Magistrate for this city in 1891. Mr. Andrews is a gentleman seventy years of age and retains in a marked degree physical and mental vigor, the result of regular habits guided by a long and varied experience in human affairs. In connection with his official duties, he conducts a real estate and insurance business in which he controls a good patronage. He is identified with the I. O. O. F. and is interested in the Centralia Gas Light and Power Co. and owns considerable property in the city.

**"SENTINEL,"** Thomas L. Joy, Editor and Proprietor.—The "Sentinel" is the organ of the Republican party and occupies a high position in journalism, owing mainly to the energy and ability of its present editor Thos. L. Joy. He was born in Equality this state and after leaving school was apprenticed to the printer's trade in St. Louis. In 1872, associated with his brother he established the Carmel "Times," eleven years later he sold his interest and removed to Mr. Carmel, Ill., and became the proprietor of the Mt. Carmel Republican; five years later he sold that paper and in 1888 he purchased the "Sentinel" office from which he now issues the Centralia Daily and Weekly "Sentinel," the Patoka "Enterprise" and the Sandoval "Times." He has always taken a leading part in politics and been at times a delegate to state and county conventions. Melphus E. Drum his local editor, is a native of Greene County and reaching his majority entered the "Gazette" office at Carrollton; three years later he purchased the "Constitution & Union" at Carlyle and sold to his partner in 1880; he then published the Carlyle "News" for two years which he sold and in '83 came to Centralia with the "Democrat"; he later was foreman in the Times till it was absorbed by the Sentinel when he went to Odin returning to Centralia in 1887 and connected himself with the "Sentinel."

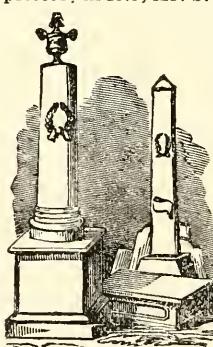
**CHICAGO PHOTO CO.** Portrait & Landscape Photographers 218 East Broadway—This enterprise had its inception September 1893, and has been conducted with such skill and good judgment as to command a liberal and steadily increasing patronage. Mr. T. L. Baldwin the managing proprietor has had eight years experience. He learned the art in Bloomington, Ill. Everything pertaining to modern

portraiture is executed in the highest degree of artistic excellence, special attention being given to the popular cabinets, portraits, groups and landscape work.

**DUNKER HOUSE**, A. Dunker, Proprietor, Broadway and Chestnut Street, \$2.00 a Day.—This house was opened to the public in 1886 by Mr. A. Dunker. The building, a substantial three story brick 50x100 feet in area, was erected in 1868 as a block and had to undergo complete remodeling before being used for hotel purposes. Mr. Dunker, accomplished this and furnished it in the most approved modern style. It contains twenty-two guest rooms. The office, dining room and saloon are on the first floor. The wines, liquors and cigars are the choicest to be obtained in home and foreign markets. The tables are provided with the very best the markets afford and the kitchen is presided over by an experienced chef. The location is eligible, opposite the Illinois Central Depot the street cars passing the hotel entrance. Fifteen porters and waiters are employed, under Mr. Dunker's personal supervision. Traveling men's accommodations especially provided for. Mr. Dunker the genial host is an adept in his line and very popular with his patrons.

**THE DAILY "DEMOCRAT,"**—Among the oldest business establishments of Centralia is the Democrat Printing office which publishes the Daily and Weekly Democrat and handles a general line of the printing business. The Democrat was established as a weekly newspaper in Centralia, in February, 1871 by Major Samuel P. Tufts and has ever continued under the management of the Tufts family. Major Tufts edited the paper until 1883 when the editorial management was turned over to Mr. Drew Tufts, who has been the editor since. In 1892 the Daily Democrat was established and was a success from the start, notwithstanding Centralia had previously sent a number of daily newspapers to an untimely grave. In October, 1893, S. P. Tufts transferred his proprietary interest to his sons and Mr. Gay L. Tufts became associated with the office and the new firm was established under the name of Gay and Drew Tufts, the latter still holding the editorial management. Major S. P. Tufts, the former proprietor, is the present postmaster of Centralia. Mr. Drew Tufts is also holding the position of private secretary to Lieutenant Governor Joseph B. Gill. He is a member of the executive committee of the Illinois Press Association and was for many years secretary of the Southern Illinois Press Association.

**THE CENTRALIA MARBLE AND GRANITE WORKS.**—After a series of heroic attempts to save this reputable enterprise for a non-resident proprietor, in 1878, Mr. S. A. Frazier came into posse-



sion of the Centralia Marble and Granite Works and associated with himself Mr. O. C. Leffel a gentleman of wide experience and practical ability. Mr. Leffel gives his personal attention and entire time to the business. These works are reputed the largest in the state outside of Chicago and control a very extensive trade all over the west and south. The yards cover an area 40x160 feet on Locust street north of Broadway and are completely equipped for the execution of work, employing a large force of skillful marble cutters whose letterings and tracings are

both unique and highly artistic. Ninety-five percent of the fine monuments that grace Centralia's cemeteries are the product of this firm's establishment. They procure their supplies of marble and granite direct from the quarries in car load lots. Mr. Leffel has been a resident of Centralia twenty years and of Marion County upwards of twenty-eight years and is closely identified with the city's commercial and social progress. He is a member of the M. W. of A. and the K. of P. He is also a zealous member of the Presbyterian Church.

**JOSEPH HEFTER,** Books and Stationery. General News Depot.—The business occupation that involves the supplying of books and stationery, periodicals and newspapers to the public partakes of a dual character, literary and mercantile. Hence those engaged in it should possess to a certain degree literary attainments and business ability. In this connection we feel gratified in making special mention of Mr. Joseph Hefter a representative merchant engaged in these lines in Centralia. Mr. Hefter succeeded to the business formerly conducted by Z. T. Condit & Co. in 1890. He is the son of Mr. J. Hefter connected with the Old National Bank of Centralia and upon completing his college course he embarked in this business, which doubt-

less best suited his natural inclinations. The premises occupied are eligibly situated on East Broadway convenient to the railroad stations and have dimensions 20x60 feet besides a store room 20x30 feet the whole completely and conveniently arranged for the conduct of the business. A very full and comprehensive stock is here carried comprising books and fine stationery, musical instruments and merchandise, sheet music, gold pens, toys, notions, plush goods in great variety and school supplies of all kinds. A news depot is also maintained, where all the daily newspapers of the times as well as the periodicals may be obtained at publishers' quotations. This feature of the business is an exceptionable benefit to the public and a credit to the city.

## MT. VERNON.

Mt. Vernon has a good many characteristics of a modern city, in the way of well paved streets, electric lights, water works and police. Its system of water-works with reservoir, was completed several years ago, supplying the residents with an abundant supply of pure water; fire plugs are established at every other corner, to which on occasion of fire the hose are attached and for any ordinary fire, sufficient pressure and water is obtained to put it out.

The city has lost all trace of the cyclone's visit February, 1888, new buildings having taken the place of those destroyed and the occurrence being nearly forgotten. It is a prohibition city, the people at the last spring election having decided against the issuing of any further licenses to the traffickers in liquor and again this fall. It has caused a good deal of bitter feeling and many seem to think it has injured the place commercially.

Mt. Vernon is prettily situated on high ground and may be thought to take its name from that fact, but for history stating otherwise. The name Mt. Pleasant was first proposed and almost became the name of the town, but the popular love for Washington was yet warm and Mt. Vernon, his ancestral home, prevailed. The town was settled about 1819. On March 26, 1819 the general assembly passed an act appointing certain commissioners to fix the permanent seat of justice for Jefferson County and the following acted as such commissioners: Lewis Barker, Ambrose Mauldin and Jas. Richardson, and selected the present location May 12, 1819. The site was surveyed and laid off and the sale of lots took place in the third Monday of September, 1819 and an advertisement inserted to that effect in the "Illinois Emigrant" for three weeks previously. On the day of the sale about one hundred persons assembled, the first lot bringing \$41 and a corner lot \$162.50. At this time the court house was already built and standing there in all its glory, the first sitting of the court taking place on June 7, 1819 at a private house. On the 9th they ordered a contract let for the building of a public edifice 18x20x13 on hewed logs, with a roofing of boards, one door and one window with shutters of rough plank, to be completed the following September. It stood about the center of the public square, its only door fronting to the north and its only window to the west and the bushes around were so broken down that its bright logs and roof were plainly visible from all the business part of town. Its cost when completed was \$160.

In the fall of 1819 the only buildings in town were the court house and three store houses, Burchett Maxey's, Lewis Watkins and Clark Casey's. Not a road led into it except trails and foot paths, but settlers came in rapidly after that.

In 1840 the principal event was the building of the new court house and about this time the Methodist Church was finished, the old academy was built

and the town was incorporated.

We find today a population of 6,000 with an organized city government, county and circuit courts, appellate and the supreme court.

It has a flouring mill the Mt. Vernon Milling Co. and the improvements mentioned in the beginning. The officers and the city government are A. F. Taylor, Mayor; Frank Suddoth, City Clerk; Norman H. Moss, City Attorney; Wm. C. Blair, Police Magistrate; Kirby Smith engineer, I. F. Hamilton, Marshal, with a board of eight Aldermen from the four wards of the city, one half of whom were elected at the last spring election and hold office for two years. It has several publications, the Daily "News", and The "Progressive Farmer" etc.

At this time there is a sort of a three cornered fight on, between the people, the city and the contractors for the street paving and sidewalks, styled the People vs. the city of Mt. Vernon regarding the payment for improvement which the people claim has not been done according to contract. A hearing was had before the county court last May and the city was defeated and it has gone to the Supreme Court of appeal. A special point has been raised on the sidewalk improvement that it should have been done by the city itself.

In real estate matters, business has been quiet, but few cash sales taking place for some time, excepting small farms in which a good demand is being developed. Lots are usually sold as a whole, ranging in price from \$125 to \$500 in the city, except on the square, as it is called, all around the court house where property is worth about \$150 a front foot.

The reservoir is located northwest of the L. & N. depot tracks.

There are three public schools, new brick buildings, located east, south and west.

The churches are the Baptist, Methodist, Catholic, Episcopalian and Southern Methodist, the finest church edifice being that of the First M. E. Church. There is a grand music hall for theatrical entertainments.

The circuit court has both civil and criminal jurisdiction. The County Court tries all misdemeanors, certified from the Circuit Court and has jurisdiction over them separately besides.

Mt. Vernon is the county seat of Jefferson County and is located on the L. & N., Wabash, Chester & Western, Jacksonville & Southeastern and Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis railroads.

**WM. M. KLUMP,** "The Cash Grocery Store", 134 South Washington Street.—This fine store, formerly run in the name of Klump & Co. is now under the sole ownership of Mr. Wm. M. Klump, who is building up an excellent business on the cash plan, offering extra inducements to customers for the ready cash, thus avoiding the time and trouble of bookkeeping, and enabling him to make quick turns of his stock, the advantages of which the

customer shares also. Although being only established about a year and a half, Mr. Klump has secured a firm foothold on the trade in this line of supplies, which he is striving to increase by strictly legitimate business methods. The cash buyer who is independent of the credit system soon learns it to his advantage to give Mr. Klump a call when getting new supplies of groceries, and a customer thus secured is almost sure to be retained. For the short space of time he has been engaged, he is doing a business of \$10,000; and his stock will invoice from \$1,500 to \$2,000. He keeps quite a stock of queensware and has a ware-room and cellar well stocked w<sup>th</sup> the heavier goods. He reports an exceptionally good country trade. His supplies come from Evansville and St. Louis. He keeps one employee constantly, with occasional extra help. He is a native of Bond County, and before settling in Mt. Vernon was engaged in the general merchandise business there for some six years. He has been a prominent man in political and social organizations, having held the place of township clerk for three terms in Bond County, and was also village clerk. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen.

**ST. LOUIS BARGAIN STORE;** V. Gerstel, Proprietor, West Side Square, two doors north of Evans' Bank.—This is an old and reliable house from St. Louis, where it had been in business for 12 years in the same line. Business will be carried on here in the same manner as it was there, on a cash basis, everything going at bargain prices. The business has been tried in Mt. Vernon only seven or eight months, but in that time people have begun to find the place and business is increasing rapidly with the promise of a fine steady custom. The value of the stock carried is \$12,000 which will be increased from time to time as business warrants. They have already engaged four employees, varying with the season. The stock is bought where bargains can be obtained, chiefly from New York, Chicago and St. Louis. The store is a large one 30x100, and is heavily stocked with dry goods, clothing, ladies and gents furnishing goods, hats, shoes, notions and a general line of boys' clothing. There are many things to make such a stock which we have not the room to enumerate and which must beseech to be appreciated, both as to their variety and usefulness and the prices at which they are offered.

**MANN BROS., LIVERY, FEED and SALE STABLES.**—One of the best equipped and best managed livery stables to be found anywhere is that of the Mann Brothers, No. 34 North Union Street where new and stylish rigs are kept constantly on hand and where the commercial traveller will meet with prompt and courteous treatment. A fine speedy horse can be had at any time out of the stock of 11 head in the stable. Everything is put in apple pie order before being sent out, and when desired a careful driver is furnished. The firm are old experienced men in the business having been engaged in this line in the northern part of the State before settling in Mt. Vernon. They have been established for a year and a half, but in that time have done a business beyond their expectations. A sufficient force of employees are always on hand to give prompt service, and the trade of commercial travelers is given special attention; a share of the patronage of the general public is also solicited. The firm are successors to Mann & Sons. Mr. Winn Mann is a member of the Odd Fellows, and his brother, Mr. Jake Mann is a member of the Knights of Pythias. Good service at reasonable prices is the motto of these gentlemen, and you will soon be convinced of these facts by a visit to their well ordered establishment. Both gentlemen are natives of Illinois.

**A. C. JOHNSON & Co., Druggists.**—Mt. Vernon is well represented in the number of its fine stores, and amongst the better class with a stock as fine as is to be found in any city, is the drug store of Messrs. A. C. Johnson & Co., in Strattan & Johnson's Block. The firm has been established six years; before that the store was conducted under Mr. Johnson's name for a period of 28 or 29 years so that in reality it is one of the oldest established business houses in Mt. Vernon. They carry besides drugs, school books, stationery, fancy and toilet articles, paints, oils etc. The stock is valued at \$8,000 on which they do a business of \$15,000, thus requiring a new stock about every six months. Their

business is chiefly retail, though they do a jobbing trade to outside stores. They have a fine store room for their show cases and counters, 20 feet front and running back a depth of 105 feet, giving them abundant room in the rear for a laboratory and compounding department. The line of stationery is particularly complete. The firm consists of three members, who employ an additional assistant. Dr. Johnson is a native of Mt. Vernon and educated at college in Cincinnati. He is a physician who formerly had a large practice, though of late years he has not sought the practice. He is a man of large means, being the owner of the building in which the store is situated and interested to a considerable extent in public matters, having held several offices and being at this time Superintendent of the Water Works. In the social sphere he is an Ancient Odd Fellow. The other partners, Mr. J. H. Riscaway, a native of Washington City and Mr. W. S. Maxey, a native of Mt. Vernon, and a member of the Knights of Pythias, are the gentlemen who conduct the business and it is to them that credit is due mainly for the efficient management of the store.

**EUGENE M. PEAVLER, Attorney at Law and Abstracter.** Mr. Peavler is a well qualified young attorney, who has been engaged in practice in Mt. Vernon over two years, during which time he has had numerous cases entrusted to his charge in which he has acquitted himself creditably. He is a careful and pains-taking lawyer who thinks twice before he acts and whose advice can be relied on. He keeps abreast of the latest decisions and is a diligent and close student of the course legal matters take. He has a complete set of abstract books and is thoroughly well posted in the investigation of titles and the abstracting of the records. He graduated from the Law School of the College at Valparaiso, Indiana, in 1892, having previously graduated in the literary, classical and scientific courses of the same College. He is a gentleman eminently fitted for his chosen profession and his acquirements and qualifications are being rapidly understood and appreciated. His practice already is a good one, with the promise of a rapid increase. He was born and raised in Jefferson County and before settling in Mt. Vernon was a resident of Spring Garden, Jefferson County. His aspiration is the highest position at the Bar and with his abilities and attainments this will be accomplished, as the opportunity is afforded.

**THE "PROGRESSIVE FARMER"** Published Weekly by The F. M. B. A. Printing Co. (Incorporated) Mt. Vernon Office Cor. Main and Casey. Subscription \$1.00 a year.—The success of this paper is largely if not almost wholly due to its editor Mr. John P. Stelle who founded it six years ago. It is an 8 page weekly and has a circulation of 12,849; during the campaign of 1892 it reached 30,000. Its circulation is principally in Illinois and Indiana, about equally divided; and in Ohio, West Virginia, Missouri and Kansas it has also a large circulation. It is the national organ of the Farmers Mutual Benefit Association, whose President resides in Illinois and the Secretary in this State. It is gotten up in a newsy entertaining and instructive manner, given largely to farming information and news and matters of agricultural interest and farmers' views on political things and political economy. There are 15 employees connected with the paper and the edition comes out Thursdays. Mr. Stelle is the national lecturer of the F. M. B. A. at the present time and has been for a number of years almost since its organization. Last year he was the national secretary; he declined a renomination and was elected national lecturer and also President of the State organization. From these facts it may be judged that Mr. Stelle is a man well thought of and of much prominence in these matters. He is a native of Hamilton County, Illinois; and has been a resident of Hamilton and Jackson Counties most of his life. He lives on his farm about 15 miles from Mt. Vernon in the adjoining County; near Dahlgren on the L. and N. railroad. He has 220 acres, situated southeast of the station and is a practical farmer and what he says in his paper goes with the farmers. He is evidently the right man in the right place.

**I. G. GEE, Livery, Feed and Sale Stable.**—This well ordered establishment is on the corner of Broadway and Casey Street, west of the S. W. corner of the public square and is under the charge and management of its sole proprietor, Mr. I. G. Gee, who has recently opened the place for business and being an experienced man in this line, is meeting with good success and securing many well paying patrons. He has been aided in this also somewhat by reason of the fact that the stand was formerly pretty well known under the former proprietors, Messrs. Dodds Brothers. Mr. Gee has 12 head of horses of his own and others he is holding for sale. He is a good judge of stock and will aid intending buyers in making a selection of what they want. He keeps a fine line of vehicles, surreys and carriages and can afford any accommodation desired. Stock and vehicles are well taken care of harness kept black and pliable safe against accidents and a good outfit is always assured; and where desired a careful and steady driver is sent along. Make your wishes in this line known to this gentleman and he will see that you get what you want. Mr. Gee is a native of Kentucky and a member of the Blue Lodge of Royal Arch Masons. He has also been honored by his fellow citizens by being elected to the position of alderman.

**ROBT. M. FARTHING, Lawyer, Phoenix Block.**—Among the members of the Mt. Vernon Bar who are acquiring great prominence is Mr. Robt. M. Farthing, who although but 26 years of age, was elected county judge at the recent election. He was City Attorney two years ago. For two years Gen. Wm. B. Anderson ex-Congressman and he were law partners. He has had an active practice of four years in the city and county and is prepared to take cases anywhere in the State. He studied under Mr. Charles H. Patron, being admitted to practice before the Supreme Court in Mt. Vernon. Since his admission he has come into a considerable practice; especially in the matter of special assessment law, which he makes a specialty. Mr. Farthing is a native of the County, but has been a resident of the city of Mt. Vernon for the last seven years. He is well known politically and socially and has acquired a lasting reputation as a lawyer of keen insight and legal acumen. He has had a great many cases at the Bar and has an extensive docket awaiting the opening of the courts in December. He is happily married to Eva the daughter of Wm. H. Smith, ex-County Clerk of Jefferson County and has a girl two and one half years old by the union.

**GRAND HOTEL, Strange & Mason, Props., Union Street.**—This elegantly appointed hotel, formerly the Continental, has been fitted up with new beds and put under first-class conduct and management. The gentlemen running the hotel have had sixteen years experience in the business and are eminently able to judge what is required in a first-class house; it has been opened now under the new management about a year and in that time they have acquired the best patronage. They have 30 rooms, fitted out in the best manner and their table is the very best. Commercial travelers have the free use of a good sample room and the hotel is well and favorably known. Rates \$2.00 a day. The best patronage is solicited, in return for which the hotel will give first-class accommodations. This is a rule which will work both ways, to the mutual advantage of the proprietors and the travelling public. They have secured a good reputation for their home and its management and they desire to maintain it and will spare no reasonable means to that end. The proprietors are Mr. Ben Strange, who is a native of Kentucky; and Mr. John Mason who is also a native Kentuckian. Their interest in the proper management and conduct of the hotel is thus greatly strengthened also by reason of their common bond of nativity. Aside from this, these gentlemen will be found to be extremely sociable, who endeavor at all times to make their guests stay as pleasant as possible.

**G. F. M. WARD, Merchant Tailor, Clothing, Etc.**—Unquestionably the finest and best stocked store in the line of clothing, furnishing goods, shoes, trunks, valises, notions and clothes, in Mt. Vernon, is that of Mr. G. F. M. Ward, on the south side of the square, corner Broadway and Wash-

ton Streets, In the Columbian Block. Mr. Ward has been established sixteen years and was formerly on the north side of the square. His business grew to such proportions that he was obliged to seek larger quarters and when the Columbian Block was completed in the Columbian year, 1892, he secured the corner store which is 25x100, where he is enabled to display his stock to the best advantage. He has everything for man and boy in the outfitting line and makes suits to measure. He formerly did a wholesale and jobbing trade and manufactured clothing for the trade to a considerable extent, but that branch has now been given up, as his trade otherwise is now sufficiently large for him to handle comfortably. The store is elaborately stocked, the tables, counters, shelves and cases being full as may be judged from its value, \$20,000 and over, which requires three employees besides a bookkeeper to handle. Mr. Ward is a pleasant gentleman to do business with and is a man of some public record. He has been an Alderman and has the remarkable record of having come within three votes of being elected Mayor about eight years ago, being defeated in this manner by his opponent. Mr. Ward is a native of Connecticut, but was raised entirely in Southern Illinois, spending a great deal of his boyhood in Carbondale. He has been a resident here since he began business sixteen years ago, is a member of the Odd Fellows, in several divisions, the Subordinate and the Encampment and a Knight of Pythias and of the Independent Order of Mutual Aid. There is no man in the city better known nor more liked.

**MT. VERNON MILLING CO.**—The largest of the two flour mills of Mt. Vernon is the Mt. Vernon Milling Co., with a capacity of 200 barrels per day. Its main building is a brick structure, four stories high, with a new store house adjoining, with a storage capacity of 20,000 bushels. This latter building has just been completed, built in a thoroughly substantial manner and having a nicely finished office in the front. The product of the mill is flour by the roller process, meal, shipstuffs and bran. The brands of flour are, "Mt. Vernon Belle," "Snow Flake," "Clear Patent" and "Farmers Choice." The mill employs 8 men and is situated on the tracks. Their shipments are mostly to the south, in addition to their local trade. Supplies are obtained in the vicinity of Mt. Vernon. It may be judged what the business is when it is stated that the firm are doing a trade of from \$60,000 to \$75,000. The corporation is a rich one, owning the mill and store house and a considerable piece of ground with them. It is an Illinois corporation with stockholders resident in Mt. Vernon. The capital is \$20,000 and the officers are Robert N. Hinman, President; A. F. Taylor, Secretary and Treasurer, who has full charge and management of the business. Mr. Taylor is the present Mayor of Mt. Vernon. He is a native of Illinois, has been a resident of Mt. Vernon for 45 years and is a member of the Masonic Order and is a gentleman of great business capacity and energy. Mr. Hinman is a native of the city and also a member of the Masonic Fraternity. Mt. Vernon has a high class of business men at the head of her industries and commercial affairs and it is to such men she owes her prominent place in the commercial world today, men who have placed their talents at her disposal and have risked their fortunes in her behalf; and that they have been successful for herself and themselves is due to their confidence in themselves and their knowledge and faith in her future.

**THE COMMERCIAL HOUSE.**—As its name implies, this house is fitted up and adapted for commercial travelers who visit Mt. Vernon. It is one of the oldest established hotels in Southern Illinois, having begun its career forty years ago. It is on the corner of Main and Casey Streets, in charge of Mr. J. W. Collins, its proprietor, who has had the active charge and management since last March and who is an old tried hotel man and can cater to the wants of the stranger as well as any man in the business. He has 32 rooms. Business has been good but the house is large and sufficient to take care of more. The rates are \$2 per day. Their guests have been mostly from the commercial class; but they at times have theatrical troupes, to whom they make special rates. The hotel boasts one feature not found in many other hotels

and that is all rooms are outside rooms. The usual accompaniments go with the hotel in the way of office accommodation, sample room, parlor etc. The table is given special prominence and a well selected supply can be depended on. Mr. Collins is a native of Chicago. He left there about a year and a half ago and was formerly a resident of Mt. Vernon for about a year and since coming back he has taken charge of the Commercial House and the hotel is meeting with good patronage under his efficient management. You can't miss it by stopping at the Commercial.

**M. MUSGRAVE, JEWELER.** The largest stock of jewelry, silverware, watches, clocks, etc., in the city is carried by Mr. Musgrave, who has a record of business dealing in this community of eight years, during which time he has handled thousands of dollars worth of fine jewelry, silver and plated ware for his customers' uses and always to their entire satisfaction. Special goods are ordered for occasions and Mr. Musgrave carries in stock some of the most beautiful pieces of workmanship that can be imagined. His silver sets are unique in design, besides which there are many articles of a plainer quality, made of first-class material however. Customers can not fail to be suited, as the value of the stock carried is \$3,300. Mr. Musgrave does all kinds of repairing also. His goods are well displayed and the whole store has quite an attractive appearance to the visitor. One is apt to have some hesitation in making selections, but by making your wants known to him and taking his kindly advice and assistance, you will have no trouble and can rely upon any representations made by him. Mr. Musgrave is one of the owners of real estate in Mt. Vernon. He is a native of the State, being a resident of Mt. Vernon for some 16 years. He is also a member of the Knight of Pythias.

**JONES & BLAIR, LAWYERS.**—One of the best known firms practicing at the Bar in Mt. Vernon, is that of Messrs. Jones & Blair, who have been in partnership about two years, before which time both members had been practicing attorneys for some years. In the past year they have had most of the criminal cases in court and the damage suits, the cases on their docket at the last term numbering 60. Their outstanding book account shows fees due them since December to the amount of \$3,000. Mr. Blair is the Police Magistrate of the city and has charge of all the city cases. He has been practicing four years, he studied under the firm of Hughs & Blair, of Mt. Vernon and was admitted to the Bar in Mt. Vernon five years ago. He is a native of Washington County and came to Mt. Vernon in 1872. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, of the Modern Woodmen, of the Fraternal Mystic Circle and of the Farmers Mutual Benefit Association. Mr. Jones is a member of the Odd Fellows and is also a member of the same orders above mentioned. The firm have been doing considerable work for the L. & N. R. R. They have a fine library of their own, supplemented by that of the Supreme Court. Mr. Jones is a native of Indiana and has been until recently a resident of Kansas. Both gentlemen are very busy men as may be judged from their docket, but by thorough system and strict attention to business, no client's interests are allowed to suffer at their hands. Their practice has grown to be a fine one and it will not decrease from any lack of attention on their part.

Their reasonable charges and fees have been one of the factors in their success, though their skill and knowledge as attorneys has been of course the foundation upon which it has been reared.

**E. F. WARMAN,** Dealer in stoves, hardware etc. Mr. E. F. Warman is the successor to the firm of Blythe & Warman who were established in June 1892. Last February he bought out his partner's interest. He makes tinware, guttering, spouting, etc. and has two employees. His stock consists of stoves, among which is the Enterprise Stove Co.'s goods, from Vincennes, Ind., and the Evansville Foundry Association's stoves and the Evansville Stove Works goods; hardware, hollow-ware, tinware and tools, builder's hardware. Its value will foot up \$2,500 and is handled in a store 20x80. Mr. Warman is a native of Utica, New York. He settled in Mt. Vernon many years ago and has become attached to the place.

**W. W. LARGENT, LIVERY, FEED AND SAIE STABLE,** 121 Broadway.—A livery stable, conducted in the right sort of way, is as necessary an adjunct to the business of any city as any industry in it and outside of pleasure driving, business of all classes is facilitated and more rapidly conducted by the free and proper use of the horse. Taking this broad view of the business. Messrs. W. W. Largent and J. D. Jones associated themselves in partnership some two years ago in the general livery and sale business and recently Mr. Largent bought out his former partner. He keeps a stock of 12 horses and all kinds of vehicles, buggies, surreys, carriages, etc. The rates for carriages are, week days, \$4; Sundays, \$5; horse and buggy a couple of hours \$1.00 to \$1.25. Some of the pleasure drives in the vicinity of Mt. Vernon are not to be surpassed anywhere in the country and we would recommend the traveller who has the time to call on Mr. Largent to fit him out for a spin, which will be a pleasant recollection to him. Mr. Largent came from Ohio, settling at first in Harrisburg, Saline County, in 1853, where he was Sheriff for a term of four years, having been a deputy for two years prior. He is a member of the Masonic Order and has been for a long time.

**THE MAHAFFY HOUSE.**—One of the most home-like resting places for the commercial tourist to be found in all Southern Illinois, is the Mahaffy House on Washington Street in Mt. Vernon. It is conducted by Mr. J. F. Mahaffy with the aid of his wife to whose personal attention the excellence of their table is due. Although only established about a year and half, their house has become so well and favorably known that they have had to build an addition and have now in contemplation another addition in the shape of a cottage. They bought the place, a two story cottage, with a frontage of 150 feet by a depth of 128, beautifully shaded with fine large trees and the whole premises surrounded by well kept lawns. The annex has a fine sample room in the shape of a store, affording every facility for the best display of traveler's goods. Mr. Mahaffy is a native of Illinois. He was a resident of St. Louis for some years, leaving there for Mt. Vernon on the 25th of April, 1893, where the indications are he will remain permanently. He is a gentleman of modest demeanor and treats his guests with every show of consideration and courtesy.

## MC LEANSBOROUGH.

McLeansborough, the county seat of Hamilton County makes an impression on the traveler who enters it for the first time.

It claims a population of about 2,000. Its people are a quiet, orderly community and deeply religious as is evinced by the large number of church organizations and their buildings in the place, as compared with the population in members and each organization has its own building. The churches are, the Methodist Episcopal, Baptist, Cumberland Presbyterian, Old School Presbyterian, Christian, Catholic and Episcopalian.

There are two brick school buildings, but the accommodations are proving insufficient and an addition is now being constructed to one of the buildings, of four rooms.

McLeansborough is one of the old towns of the State, being laid off in 1821. The original plat contained 36 blocks. There were two principal streets running in each direction through the plat, north south and east and west; but numerous additions have since been made.

The first house in McLeansboro was a log one built by Dr. Wm. B. McLean, in the northeast corner of the town. The second one was built by Jarrett Garner, and Jas. Allen built the third. All of them were of logs. The first frame house was built by Jesse C. Lockwood, the second by Danl. Marshall and the third by Dave Tolley. The first school was taught by Theodore Scott, an old soldier of the war of 1812.

In 1820 pottery ware was made in the town, but was abandoned.

Among the early physicians were Dr. Wm. B. McLean and Lorenzo Rathbone, the first attorney, Sam'l. S. Marshall and the first merchants, Chas. H. and John H. Heard, who commenced business about 1834.

Woolen mills were erected by Hood & Bowers, established in 1862 at Hoodville and afterwards at McLeansborough, in 1883.

The cemetery southeast of the city was established early in 1875.

By an Act passed Jan. 31, 1840, McLeansborough was incorporated under the general law of Feb. 10, 1849.

The city experienced an almost unexampled condition of drouth from the 5th of last May, up to the latter part of August, during which time no water fell, except one, or possibly two slight showers, sufficient only to sprinkle the surface of the ground. On Aug. 18, rainmakers experimented in hopes of producing a copious fall, but did not succeed in effecting any change whatever.

There is a city government composed of Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and six Aldermen from two wards.

The city is supplied with a hand fire engine with hook and ladder, and hose reel and in case of a conflagration have plenty of wells and cisterns to draw from. They have the fire apparatus housed in a substantial building, with fire-alarm bells.

The city's only manufacturing industries are a flour mill and woolen mill, both of limited capacity.

The city does quite a large trade with the farmers and the trading is centered around the public square, some of the stores being housed in substantial brick buildings and having fine large store space.

There are two banks, both private, the People's and the Hamilton County, the latter being the principal one of the place and having for its banking business one of the finest buildings possible for the purpose.

Many of the citizens are quite prosperous and have engaged in more than one line of business. A great many own their own buildings where their stores are located, some are building for removal

shortly to larger and more commodious quarters and others have spare money to loan,—an unusual thing these close times when the majority of merchants can scarcely pull through.

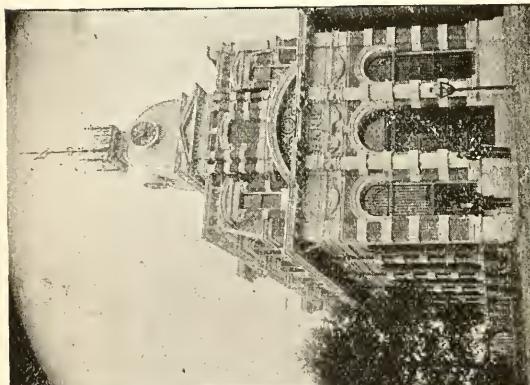
The L. & N. is the only road passing through the place. The business centre is some distance from the depot and is grouped around the public square, as stated above.

The court house that graced or disgraced, as some seem to think, the high plot of ground, was burned down not long ago and has not been rebuilt and stood for some time as the fire left it, open ragged walls and debris, but has recently been removed. Some day not far distant it is expected a modern new building will command the site from which to dispense justice, but efforts in this direction have been defeated at the last election. Perhaps at that time steps will be taken to pave the square which would pay for itself in a short time in the saving to the merchants' stocks which are being hurt by the constant clouds of dust blowing on them in the summer time. Sewering is now being laid around the square.

**JOHN LUNN & SONS, Dealers in Furniture, Undertaker's Goods etc.**—This old established house has built up such a trade during its 16 years of successful business that it has outgrown its old quarters and erected a fine, new and commodious brick structure of its own. The new store on the east side of the square has a store space of 20 feet by a depth of 220, affording ample facilities for the handling of a large stock which this firm usually carries. The stock at any time will foot up from \$3,000 to \$3,500 and with the addition of new goods in the new location it will reach this fall probably \$4,500. The firm are retail dealers, handling strictly first-class new goods, in the way of furniture of all descriptions, undertaker's goods, the Columbian organs, sewing machines, etc. They do easily a business of \$10,000 which is largely due to their experience in this line in which they have been engaged in this country for 26 years. They can fit out a residence in every part with plain as well as the finest furniture and their prices will be found reasonable as any. Mr. John Lunn is a native of England, is well known and esteemed in the community and holds membership in the M. E. Church and the Knights of Honor.

**Dr. WILLIAM E. BARTER, Dentist.**—Among the younger dentists in good standing and with an established practice, must be mentioned Dr. Wm. E. Barter, who is from the Chicago Dental College and has been engaged in the practice of his profession in McLeansboro only for a short time, though having previously had two years practice in Chicago with a dentist there, of established reputation, where he had the finest opportunities for operating. Since opening his rooms here he has secured a good business, which promises to increase as he becomes better known. His work is certainly as fine as any we have ever seen, indeed it could not be excelled and it hardly needs to be demonstrated further that he has become perfect in his practice. He has supplied himself with an outfit of the best appliances. Crown, bridge and plate work are completed in the best manner and satisfaction guaranteed. Anaesthetics used where desired and considered necessary. Teeth cleaned in connection with other dental work. Dr. Barter's rates are as low as obtains for similar first-class work. He is a native of Williamson County, being born and raised some 12 miles east of Marion, where his father still lives on a cultivated fruit and stock farm. Dr. Barter has a pleasant, agreeable manner and is not long in winning his patient's entire confidence in his professional skill and ability.

**THE HAMILTON COUNTY BANK.**—This Bank was established in 1871 by Mr. Chalon G. Cloud who by close attention to his business and strict integrity has gained the esteem and confidence of his neighbors and the business men of this section of the state. He is a progressive and public spirited citizen and takes a deep interest in every enterprise that will be of advantage to his town or county. The Bank Building is an elegant structure built of brick, trimmed in stone, highly ornamental in every detail and built for the bank's own use exclusively. It is well and substantially built and complete in all of its details for which it was designed. At great cost an excellent town clock was placed in the tower of the building which is kept in repair at Mr. Cloud's own expense. The Bank Vault is one of the special features and is as fine as any similar vault in the country. Its foundation going down ten feet below the floor of the bank and built up of extra size solid rocks and is lined inside and out with the best chilled steel and iron specially prepared. Inside of the vault proper are some of the finest constructed time lock safes to be found in the world, so that, from a material standpoint, the bank's funds are absolutely secure from fire and thieves. Two employees assist Mr. Cloud in the conduct of his business, in a beautifully arranged apartment 26x80 feet extending up to the ceiling high above, some 22 feet. Adjoining the bank is the residence of Mr. Cloud's sister, which is one of the finest pieces of architecture to be found in the country and a block away is Mr. Cloud's own palatial residence, similar in style and character to that of his sister's also with large grounds. Mr. Cloud has also a large amount of real estate in Hamilton County, Ill., and elsewhere; among this are some large farms in his own county, in which he takes great interest. Mr. Cloud was born at Iron Furnace, Hardin County this state and has resided at McLeansboro, since six years of age; he is a graduate of DePauw University, at Greencastle Ind., and is well liked socially. He is open and free in his manners and has a pleasant word for all.



**DRS. W. F. & W. W. HALL.**—Physicians and surgeons of wide reputation and practice in Hamilton, Wayne and Jefferson Counties are the Messrs. Hall, Dr. W. F. Hall having a record of twenty years practice and his brother, W. W. Hall having been associated with him for the past 11 years. W. F. had his training at the Chicago Medical College and W. W. at the Rush Medical College. Dr. W. F. Hall came to McLeansboro in 1874 and at once entered upon the practice of his chosen profession and has acquired a competence since by his skill and the close attention and watchful care of his patients at all times during his long years of practice. As stated, their practice is not confined to the city, but extends all over the county and into the adjoining counties. They adopt whatever remedies have been tried and tested in late researches, supplemented by their own knowledge and experience in the best methods of relieving pain and suffering. Children especially have the first claim on them and there efforts in the little one's behalf are never relaxed. Many a child owes its existence today to the great care and skill of these eminent physicians. They are withal modest gentlemen and are loth to make special mention of important cases in which they rendered invaluable services. They are both natives of the county and members of the Masonic fraternity.

**Dr. A. J. MCINTYRE.**—Dr. McIntyre, who is a native of Canada, has been located in McLeansboro only since last November, but has been in practice in Franklin and Williamson Counties for the past 13 years as a physician and surgeon. His practice is general and covers all known ailments and diseases. His knowledge and skill have been highly appreciated and he is a physician who makes a good impression wherever he is called and his reputation is growing rapidly. He graduated in 1881 from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Ann Arbor, Michigan. He is a physician who will not run up a bill on you unnecessarily, but when he feels that his services can safely be dispensed with he will tell you so. He gains many friends in this way, who feel that the fees paid him have been justly earned. He is subject to call at any hour during the day at his office, and at his residence after business hours. He has a fine library at home at which he spends all his spare hours. He is well informed of all that passes in the medical world around him, communing with the brightest minds in the profession. Socially Dr. McIntyre is member of the Masons, and in excellent standing.

**S. M. BLADES.**—General Grocer.—One of the largest grocery houses of McLeansboro is that of Mr. S. M. Blades, who has been established about four years and carries a stock varying from \$2,000 to \$2,500. He keeps a full line of general groceries, taking in everything in the line and of the best goods, together with a large stock of queensware, glassware and tinware. In addition he carries as a special stock and a separate branch, pianos and organs, handling the Estey & Camp pianos and the Newman Brothers, of Chicago, organs. His business is retail, but from both stocks he does the large business of \$25,000 per year. He has been very successful in the handling of this line of pianos and organs to which his large yearly sales are attributable. These goods have always given satisfaction wherever they have been tried and every sale is an advertisement for the next. Mr. Blades gives his business his personal supervision and takes as much care and interest in his customer's smallest want as if he were buying a piano. His trade reaches out beyond the city into the adjoining territory, from which many of his best customers come. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., of the K. of H. and a native of McLeansboro.

**THOMAS RILEY.**—Livery and Feed Stable.—Mr. Riley keeps a well appointed place, with a dozen head of horses and a variety of vehicles to suit all emergencies and can fit out a pleasure party as well as a commercial man. He has two employees to assist him. His stock are kept clean and slick, harness well oiled and blacked and his vehicles in good running order, washed and chamois rubbed, with robes and cushions well brushed and clean. Where desired he will send out careful drivers and his stock are reliable at all times. They receive good treatment and are well fed and have no cause to be treacherous. He is a humane citizen himself and his long experience in his business has led him to judge the wants of his faithful animals. He has carried on his business of livery and sale stables for ten years; was burned out last winter; but, with his indomitable pluck and perseverance has built himself a new barn which he owns and is ready for business again, as usual. He has done a good business and for the service he renders his charges are quite reasonable. Mr. Riley is a native of McLeansboro and a prominent member of the Baptist Church. He is a religious man and he is governed in all his business dealings by the most rigid principles of right and justice.

**“THE LEADER.”**—Republican politics and principles are championed by the “Leader” of McLeansboro, which has been the party organ for the last twelve years in this section and which has a circulation of about 600. It is 8 page, made up in an attractive form and containing general and local news of carefully selected matter. Its editorial columns are presided over by Dr. C. M. Lyon, who has recently become sole proprietor also, having succeeded to the former partnership. He is a gentleman of education and refinement, a strong advocate of Republican principles and doctrines and thoroughly in sympathy with his party. The Democracy just now is the upper dog in the fight, but is losing courage as well as having a good

many bites taken out of it and the signs are that the fight is almost over and the old dog won't show himself for many a year to come, when this struggle is over. The McLeansboro merchants make free use of its columns and it is largely a medium between them and their customers. The paper is fitted up with ample facilities for its work, having from two to four employees. It has the means of doing all kinds of job work which is given prompt attention and done at reasonable prices. Dr. Lyon has been made President of the School Board. He is a native of Ohio and a member of the G. A. R.

**C. M. WISEMAN, Dealer in Jewelry, Watches and Clocks.**—Mr. Wiseman has been in business in this line for 20 years and is a practical watch maker and does his own repairing. He has one of the first stores in McLeansboro in style and finish. He carries quite a heavy line of jewelry and silverware, clocks, watches, chains and rings and besides handles the Domestic Sewing Machine. He makes a specialty in Howard watches, of which he has a full line, in various styles. In the line of silverware, his stock contains many pieces and sets. He is a responsible man and his long standing in business is a guarantee of his strict methods. In a class of goods where people are generally but indifferent judges, the advice and assistance of such a man as Mr. Wiseman is extremely valuable and by being frank and open with him, your confidence will not be misplaced. All his goods will be sent out perfect; and if repairs are needed to watches or other articles on hand, he also has a special repair department for that purpose. Mr. Wiseman is a native of Germany and is an honored member of the Knights of Honor.

**THE PEOPLES BANK.**—This private bank was established January 1, 1893 by Mr. J. H. Miller, a gentleman of considerable means and well known to the citizens of McLeansboro. It does a general bank.

ing business, receiving deposits and making discounts on approved paper and dealing in foreign and domestic exchange. It issues exchange on New York, Chicago, St. Louis and Evansville. Its quarters are nicely fitted up in a new building with a large steel vault. The bank has been doing a good business and has a good capital and safe foundation to go on. It has the confidence of the community and has many of the best business men of the place for its customers. It affords them every reasonable accommodation, but at the same time strict business rules and principles will not be departed from. As this is the foundation and prosperity of any bank, no departure can be permitted for any reason by this bank. Mr. Miller is a native of Enfield, White County, Illinois, but has selected McLeansboro for his permanent residence and place of business. He is a member of the Masonic order and is one of the first citizens of the city.

**EDWIN BRINK, Photographer.**—Michigan is represented in one of her citizens in the person of Mr. Edwin Brink, in McLeansboro, a photographer who was in business four years before settling in McLeansboro. He has opened a fine gallery here which he has been conducting only some ten months but in that time he has secured many customers and is prepared for lots more. He has a large, well lighted studio and has every apparatus and facility for doing the finest work. Some of the sample pictures hanging on his walls attest his skill and the beautiful finish he imparts to his pictures. Children especially will be taken in any mode desired and accuracy and satisfaction is guaranteed. He does all classes of photographic work, including outside views and has some very fine scenes of this class to show. His gallery is on the west side of the square and is open early and late. Family groups will be artistically arranged and old pictures will be renewed and enlarged; cabinets at low figures and all work reasonable.

## CARMI.

Carmi, the county seat of White County, Ill., is a city of a population estimated at 3200. It is chiefly dependent on agriculture for its maintenance; its industries are few, consisting of a stove factory and a planing mill which also turns out agricultural implement stuff and car sections.

A great number of its people are resident farmers and it has a population of colored folks estimated at 800, about 100 of whom are voters out of a total vote of 615 and they are considered the balancing weight in the scale of political power.

The city's growth extends out in one direction principally, the northeast, its expansion in other directions being hampered by the Little Wabash River and deep gulches. Across the river, which is about 800 feet wide and spanned by a firm steel foot bridge and the steel bridge of the L. & N. is East Carmi settled chiefly by the colored people.

The city is beginning to pick up in life and business, but it has fallen back considerably in the past ten years, since the Wabash car shops were removed to Mt. Carmel and it is thought that the business and population were greater at that time than now.

Its early history dates back to 1815 when the legislature by an act passed December 7th of that year, divided Gallatin County and called the northern half of White County and fixed the permanent seat of justice. Lowry Hay laid off the town and in November, 1816 an order was passed for the building of a court house, but it was several years afterwards till it was completed. This house was blown down in a storm on July 6, 1824 and it was four years afterwards before another was erected, which was then considered the finest in the State.

In these early times there were always three or four taverns in Carmi and one at almost every

cross road and licenses to sell were given for a small sum, generally about \$1.50 in the country and \$5.00 in town. It was not until 1839 that this traffic was uniformly taxed \$25.00.

The Circuit and Probate Courts were established as early as 1817 and 1820 respectively. Four terms of court are now held, two chancery and two common law. Judge E. D. Youngblood is the presiding Judge of these several courts.

The city officials consist of a Mayor, Treasurer, Attorney, Marshall, Night Marshal and Police Magistrate, besides nine Aldermen from three Wards.

There are quite a number of churches, one a particularly fine brick structure and a new one for the Methodists is now in process of construction, the contract price for which is \$17,000. The denominations are represented by the Baptists, who have three churches, the Presbyterian, Catholic, Christian, Methodist and two colored sects, the Methodist and Baptists.

The city accommodates its children of school age in two brick school houses.

Its court house, unlike most of the county seats, is on a corner of its principal public street.

The cemetery has been located within two squares of the court house, in a direction, however, in which there is no likelihood of the city's spreading out, near the river. This new court house was erected in 1883 and bears the commemorative stone A. D. 1828—1883.

Private enterprise has undertaken the lighting of the city and three of its foremost citizens have put in their means to this end and at this time there are 31 arc lights in use and 600 incandescent, though the capacity of the plant is much greater.

Real estate is held at from \$75 to \$100 per front foot

on Main Street; lots for residence purposes average from \$50 to \$200 of 50x142 each.

There is a volunteer fire department, with a hand force pump and two hose carts; but the Board of Alderman have recently let the contract for a complete water supply to a Chicago company and the work is under way now and the power house partially completed. This will give better facilities for fighting fire. The supply will be abundant from the Little Wabash at the city's doors. In 1882, this stream, which is now quite low reached an extreme stage of high water and flooded the country around.

Business in the various lines is fairly well represented and better trade is looked for since the recent elections have taken place.

**CHARLES M. APP,** Dealer in General Merchandise. This is one of Carmi's most enterprising citizens. He is a man of indomitable pluck and perseverance, having in fourteen years paid off a debt of \$7,500 and acquired a business to-day worth in stock \$15,000 and in trade probably \$50,000. In 1882 he established his present business, which consists of clothing, boots and shoes, gent's furnishings and a stock of general merchandise. His stock is probably the largest and finest in the city. Four employees are required to handle it and besides his large retail trade he does some jobbing throughout the county. He has a fine store 24x101, with a floor above 24x70. In addition to this business, he is a large shipper of poultry, mostly to Chicago, a shipper of wheat and dealer in railroad ties. He has two extra warehouses for this purpose and is at all times a very busy man. He did a fair business in 1893, notwithstanding the dull times and now his trade is reaching its normal figures again. Mr. App is a native of Evansville, Indiana and is a member of the Knights of Pythias. His record is one of the best in the commercial world and he is a man of much influence in the business community. Personally he is well liked and holds a prominent position in the social world. Besides his business interests he is the owner of several fine farms.

**G. A. WILLIS,** Lumber, Sash, Doors, Blinds, etc. Everything in the building line can be found at Mr. Willis' establishment in the way of a fine class of lumber of all descriptions and dimensions, sash, doors, blinds, lath, lime, paints, builders hardware, screens, etc. He is an active, energetic business man and keeps his stock complete at all times. New orders are constantly going out and new goods continually coming in. He is always to be found at the office and all business receives his immediate attention. Three large lots are stacked full of well seasoned lumber and the stock altogether will probably amount to \$6,000. He has been established three years here and in the business for six or seven years before at Enfield. Trade extends out to a wide section of the surrounding country and three employees assist in handling it. Business has been fairly good during the dull times and is increasing. Mr. Willis is an experienced man in his line of business and to his able management is due the prominent position he has gained in business circles. He is a native of the county and a member of the Odd Fellows. He is a pleasant gentleman at all times, but is thoroughly attentive to business.

**FERDINAND H. PREHER,** Dealer in American and Italian Marble and Manufacturer.—This dealer carries the finest line of samples and designs in the State, in cemetery work and deals in granite, marble and stone of every description; he makes a specialty of foreign and American granite monuments and will give prices on application. In the way of imported and domestic marble monuments, headstones and tombs he has a full line of photographs and samples which include Vermont, Georgia and Italian marbles. Amongst the granite and marble carried may be mentioned,—American granite, Quincy, Barre, Westerly, Concord, Excelsior, Hardwick, Bay of Fundy and Red Beach; under the Foreign granite, red and gray Scotch, and red Swede. He is a general contractor for all kinds of stone work, including flagging for sidewalks, curbing, steps, sills, hearths, chimney caps and house fronts. He has now in hand the contract for the ornamental stone of the Methodist Church in Carmi, now in process of erection, amounting to \$1500; and also for the new power

house of the Carmi Water Co. He is a thoroughly practical workman having been at the business twelve years, being established for himself for two and half years and keeps from three to five employees. He is a native of Carmi and a member of the United Workmen. He has the principal trade of the city which his fine stock enables him to control. He is a thorough business man and has made a good record for himself.

**II. B. BANKS,** Dealer in General Merchandise. This stock is about as fine as can be found anywhere in Southern Illinois and consists of clothing, dry goods, notions, valises and trunks, wallpaper, window shades and carpets, hats and caps, boots and shoes etc. The business has been established 9 years and is in a flourishing condition, requiring two employees to assist. The business is strictly retail, which is conducted with a stock of fully \$12,000. An additional store room is required up stairs in which to store carpets, shades etc. Last year was no exception to the general run of trade which has characterized the business of Mr. Banks since he started. He has done a fair business even through the hard times, which can be attributed largely to the fine assortment carried in all lines as well as to the management of Mr. Banks himself. Mr. Banks is a native of Indiana, a member of the Masons and the Knights of Pythias. He is an industrious, energetic business man and the grass does not get a chance to grow under his feet. Neither does the moss collect on his goods; they are frequently turned over, both literally and in the trade sense and new goods can always be found on his counters and shelves.

**THE CARMI TIMES.**—This journal is conducted by Mr. Francis M. Woolard, its editor and proprietor, who is an old journalist, having been formerly connected with the *Fairfield Gazette* and in full charge and management of the *Carmi Times* for the past four years, the paper having been established in 1872. The paper is Republican and is issued in the form of an 8 page quarto, six columns, a weekly and with a circulation of about 1,400 mostly in the county. Four employees are engaged with the paper and a job printing department is also run. Mr. Woolard is an active, practical man in the affairs of the world. He is a student of current literature and of the views of the best thinkers of our day and his shelves are stocked with the latest productions from the press in all branches of art and science. Under his management the Times has grown in favor and circulation until it has now reached the very respectable figures given. It is Mr. Woolard's sole aim to make his paper a true representative of the times in current events and history, interspersed with instructive reading matter, entertaining alike both to the business man and the family. Mr. Woolard is a native of Bond County, Illinois, is a member of the Masonic Order and of the United Workman.

**THE CARMI "COURIER."** This enterprising journal is the official Democratic organ, controlled and edited by Mr. Chas. P. Berry, a gentleman well known throughout this section as an able and fearless advocate of Democratic principles and the purity of the home and the public press. Nothing of a doubtful nature ever finds its way into the columns of the Courier; the paper is carefully guarded in this respect and the reading matter is of a high order. The paper is a six column quarto, issued weekly. Its circulation is 2,000 local and in the county, but probably reaches the eyes of 10,000. It was established in 1855 and has had a long and active existence. It has fulfilled its mission satisfactorily and bids fair to do so for many years to come. Eight employees are connected with the publication and the paper is set up and printed on the premises. Mr. Berry is a native of Hartford, Conn., but has thoroughly identified himself with the people and interests of Carmi and White County and is one of their most respected men. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and also of the Knights of Pythias.

**DAMRON HOUSE.**—When Carmi is spoken of one can not help associating with the place the Damron House, which has been a part of its history so long. Mr. J. M. Damron, the proprietor, established the house as long ago as 1866 and he has been personally connected all the time with it ever since. He is a

hale and hearty man to-day and gives his personal attention to all details though having eleven help regularly employed. His guests comfort is always looked after and his table fare is of the very best. There are 30 rooms in the house which is a strictly commercial hotel for the travelling men only. A good feature of the hotel is the free bus, which is the property of Mr. Damron and which meets every train day and night, bringing the guest to his

house direct in a few minutes. The hotel office is a large one and convenient for its purpose. A large sample room is also at the disposal of the commercial agent. Mr. J. M. Damron was born in Indiana. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and is a man in good standing in the community. He and his house are so interwoven with the city's growth, that the mention of the one is associated at once with the other.

## SHAWNEETOWN.

**Shawneetown**, another bright star in the galaxy of county seats, is situated on the Ohio River, a little below its junction with the Wabash River with a population of probably 2500. It is snugly settled behind an embankment or levee extending from the bluffs on the north to the hills on the south, a distance of about four and one half miles, the levee in front of the city having a continuous line of one and a quarter miles. The levee is raised to the astonishing height of 60 feet from the low water line of the river. The fall and rise in the Ohio River at this point is 55 feet. It was thought the last levee was sufficiently high; but during the floods of 1883 and 1884, two years in succession, the water came over the levee and some 80 houses were floated off their foundation, some against the rock road and others against the lower levee. The flood rose slowly, sufficiently so to allow the merchants to move their stocks to the upper stories; families also moved their household effects into the upper stories and those whose quarters did not extend to a second floor moved to the high ground back in the country and there camped out. The ground was covered for about 32 acres. On the subsidence of the flood these houses were replaced again. The last work done on the levee placed it six feet higher than the highest water recorded. With these precautions the citizens feel themselves reasonably safe from such floods hereafter. At the time this sketch is written in November, 1894, the river is at its lowest and one standing on the new levee feels himself like on the brink of some vast reservoir; but the illusion is dispelled as to the opposite banks when a glimpse is taken of the low shores of Kentucky's fertile soil.

Shawneetown holds a place of some note in history, being made famous by the visit of Gen. Lafayette in 1825; he took dinner here and staid the same night. He had been at New Orleans and on his passage up the river, the boat landing, he stopped here. America's celebrated orator, Robert G. Ingersoll lived here four years, from 1854 to 1858. He taught school here and was the preceptor of many of Shawneetown's merchants of today, Mr. A. M. L. McBane being one of them, who is noticed in our sketches of its prominent citizens. Mr. Ingersol also held a political position in the clerk's office for years and commenced his law practice here.

Maj. Gen. John A. McClelland was born here and became a prominent man and a member of Congress from this district for 16 years. He served in the war of 1861 and was made Major General. He now lives at Springfield, Ill. It was also the place of residence of Norman L. Freeman, the Supreme Court Reporter for the State of Illinois, who is still living. Gen. John A. Logan was married here. Jas. H. Heard came here in 1850, who is now one of the Justices of the Peace. He was engaged in the clothing business forty years.

It was settled about 1812 when the first lots were sold out on the hills, which is a mile and a half from town. They were sold by Gen. Harrison who laid them off and deeds were made to the lots by the Government. His theory at that time was to build warehouses on the river and live out on the hills. Lots on the river front were sold in 1814 and 1815 and the last sale of lots from the government was closed out in 1845.

In the early settlement of the country it was more of a commercial point than now, being the first place above Cairo which at that time was little more than a landing place. Very few boats stop here and the traffic has been destroyed by the railroads, which have taken freight and passengers, so that now there is very little traffic from that source. It was once an important point for the buying and shipping of tobacco raised in Saline County.

The city is today an active business centre, all the lines being represented, the most prominent of which we make special mention. The brick plant of J. C. Welch & Co. is in full operation. There has been some talk of starting a shingle factory which will employ fifteen men. A fine elevator is stopped on account of the glut in the wheat market and there is little for the mills here to do.

The schools are represented by one for the white children of eight rooms and one for the colored, of two rooms.

The annual County Fair is held here in August and is a gala occasion when business booms from the influx of visitors.

Coal is mined in the county.

A. C. Millspanghi is Mayor, Chas. Fraley, City Clerk and Marsh. Weishart, City Treasurer and Postmaster.

A saw mill outside the city limits is quite an industry.

The city is supplied with the electric light and is a wide-awake, pushing and vigorous competitor with the other cities of Southern Illinois for trade and commercial position.

Many pretty and substantial residences are to be seen and the city of today covers a wide area.

The streets are broad and a fine rock road leads out to the Fair Grounds.

The Court House is located on the corner of two of its main streets and is a model structure, built many years ago.

The Methodists, Presbyterians and Catholics are represented by a good following, while the colored population have also their churches, the Baptist, Free Will Baptist and Methodist.

Railroad facilities are being increased and the growth of the city in population and commerce is on the lines of advancement.

### SHAWNEETOWN BRICK YARDS AND TILE FACTORY.

This enterprise has just been started, but has every promise of a successful future, not only because of the need of such an industry in Shawneetown, but also by reason of the fact it has men of means and commercial energy at its head and what they undertake usually sticks. J. C. Welch & Co. is the title of the firm, composed of Mr. Thos. S. Ridgway, Wm. A. Peeples, officers of the First National Bank and Mr. J. C. Welch, a prominent business man of the city. The yard and factory is situated just outside of the limits; they are manufacturers of brick of all kinds, from plain grade to the finest stock brick and tile in all varieties. The capacity of the plant is 40,000 brick per day, with two kilns, giving employment to from ten to fifteen men. The bricks are all machine made and they make also a fine white brick. They are beginning to be shipped all over the country. The firm

own the plant and property and are in a position to command success. We have spoken personally of the gentlemen under the notice of the First National Bank and their name is sufficient to give their enterprise every encouragement and place it among the permanent industries of Shawneetown.

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK.**—This is the only bank in Shawneetown, but its foundation is strong, its reputation secure and it is therefore able to take care of all the city's commercial interests, as well as a large section of the surrounding country. It was established in 1865, during the last year of the war and has had a wonderfully successful career ever since. Its officers are, Thos. S. Ridgway, President, Wm. A. Peebles, Vice President and Wm. D. Phile, Cashier. It has no savings feature but is a strictly commercial bank for deposits and discounts and dealing in foreign and domestic exchange. It is comfortably housed in the old Bank of Illinois building, erected in 1840 of which Mr. Ridgway is now owner. The capital of the bank is \$50,000, with a \$25,000 surplus. They stand back of Shawneetown's greatest commercial enterprises and no reasonable accommodation is ever refused. It has been the bulwark of the unbroken business front presented by Shawneetown's business men during the last year of business depression and the business community hold in high honor the men at the head of it. Mr. Thos. S. Ridgway was born in White County and at one time was State Treasurer. Mr. Wm. A. Peebles is a native of the city and his father also. Mr. Wm. D. Phile is a native of Germany and has been connected with the Bank since its organization in 1865. The officers of the bank are also men of business enterprise and are at the head of a brick yard and tile factory in Shawneetown, which is forcing its way to a prominent place in the business world, having been only just started. We speak of this under a special head.

**GEORGE HARRELSON, Grocer.**—Mr. Harrelson has been established in the grocery business 7 years four of which has been spent in his present location. He carries a fine stock valued at \$2,000 which is shown to good advantage in his store 23x50. The stock is well selected and is a complete one in the various grades of goods. Mr. Harrelson has always commanded a good patronage and from a well to do class of people. He confines his business to the retail branch exclusively and has a steady trade. He is the owner of the building in which his store is located, besides owning a nice house and lot on one of the side streets. His interests are thus wrapped up in Shawneetown, which he has made his home and where he is considered one of its best business men. He is a native of Gallatin County. He is a close buyer and can offer his customers as good bargains as they can obtain anywhere. His store has become well known and is a great favorite.

**CHARLES CARROLL, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Notions, Gent's Furnishings, Furniture, Farm Machinery etc.**—One of the heaviest dealers in Shawneetown is Mr. Charles Carroll, whose store 26x28, which is practically three stories cut off with fire proof walls, is stocked throughout with the best stock of the first named goods, dry-goods, groceries, notions, gents furnishings. His business is principally retail, but he is a jobber in drives, in dry goods and groceries. His counters and shelves are heavily loaded, besides tables through the center of the store; he has a separate department for furniture and has a warehouse down town for agricultural implements and wagons, lime, cement, plaster and hair, in which branch he deals exclusively as a jobber. Five employees are engaged and his trade extends all over the country. He has been established since 1852, is the owner of the building. Mr. Carroll's name is a guarantee of the quality of his goods. He carries none but the best and being a large buyer he can offer bargains which he frequently does. Don't fail to keep your eye on his store. He is a native of Lynchburg, Va., coming to Shawneetown in 1837 and has been connected with the city's interests ever since. He is identified with many of the city's improvements and is ever ready to advance her commercial interests.

**A. M. L. McBANE, Dry Goods and General Merchandise.**—Mr. McBane is one of Shawneetown's first citizens, in wealth, enterprise and social standing. He has been established in business here since 1877, carrying usually a stock of from \$4,000 to \$5,000. His stock is a well assorted one and has been selected for the best trade which he commands and comes from Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis mainly. His business is retail and he has three men employed. He owns the building and is besides a large property holder and the lender of money. He owns personally eight farms in Gallatin County and other landed property and controls a fund of \$50,000 to loan on city real estate and farms. His loans are usually made for five years. His store is 20x50. Although independent of his business, Mr. McBane, nevertheless, is as attentive and courteous to his customers as if it was his sole dependence. For the time he has been in business, his success has been marvelous. He is a native of West Virginia, of Parkersburg, but has been a resident of the State of Illinois ever since he was a boy. Though not holding himself forth as a real estate agent, that really is a large branch of his daily occupation and those desiring to enter into negotiations of this character will do well to see Mr. McBane who will deal with them on the most favorable terms.

**ROBINSON BROS., Dealers in Hardware and Pumps and Manufacturers of Tinware.**—These energetic, prosperous men are conducting one of the best equipped hardware stores in the state, in which they have been established seven years. They were formerly exclusively engaged in the drug trade and have yet one of the finest stores in the city, which is being conducted under the management and personal supervision of one of them, the hardware line being conducted by the other. They carry a fine stock of hardware of all descriptions, amounting to \$8000 which they handle in a store room 26x100. They occupy the whole building, a three story brick and are jobbers to quite a large extent. They control a large pump trade and are experts in drilling. The stock is from Cincinnati, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Philadelphia and Chicago. They keep five employees besides themselves and even during the depression their business was a constant one and kept them all busy. These brothers are both natives of the city; Mr. F. E. Robinson is a Mason and a member of the Knights of Pythias, Mr. H. L. Robinson is a member of the Masonic fraternity. Both gentlemen have made a good name for themselves and are reliable trustworthy dealers. Their large interests have identified them closely with the growth of the city and they are ever ready to assist her in commercial advanced merit.

**ROBINSON BROS., Drug Store.**—The oldest established and best equipped drug store in Shawneetown, is that of the Messrs. Robinson, on the corner diagonally opposite the Riverside Hotel. The stock is a thoroughly complete one in the various lines and departments of a modern pharmacy. Many of the preparations are made by the firm itself. Among their own proprietary medicines which they make a specialty of, may be mentioned "Blackberry Balsam for Diarrhoea," "Egyptian Ague Cure," and "Cream Balm." Besides drugs, toilet articles, patent medicines and sundries, the firm have paints and oils and glass, which is carried in the two upper floors of the building and in which they are large jobbers. Their stock will amount to probably \$7500 and two employees are required. The firm have been established for twenty years. The store is 24x70 and presents a bright appearance with everything arranged in systematic order and showing marked care and attention. The brothers are natives of the city and are largely interested in other commercial enterprises, retaining their supervisory control of the drug store to which they give their special attention.

**A. MAYER, Dry Goods, Clothing and General Merchandise.**—About the oldest established general merchandise store in Shawneetown, is that of A. Mayer, who dates his establishment back some twenty-five years. His store is known far and wide for its complete stock and the reliable goods and honest treatment of its customers. Mr. Mayer owns the building in which his store is and is a

careful and prudent man in all his dealings. The store is a fine double one 55x25 and a part of the stock is carried in the storeroom up stairs. Counters and shelves are loaded with the finest goods in the market, valued at \$20,000, which is principally from New York, where the proprietor himself frequently goes to select his stock. Four employees are usually employed. The business is strictly retail and the stock covers everything usually found in a first class general merchandise store. Mr. Mayer is a native of Germany and is a member of the Masons and Odd Fellows.

**SHAWNEETOWN ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY.**—This is a Chicago corporation who control six electric light plants in all. The President is A. M. Searies, the Vice-President, M. J. Wheaton and the Secretary and Treasurer, C. C. Travis. Mr. E. S. Quick is the Superintendent of the works here and Mr. George Porter the engineer in charge. Mr. Porter is a very competent man for the position and has the ability and skill to superintend the erection and completion of any electric light plant. The plant is run by an 80 horse-power engine giving the works a capacity of 35 arc light and 450 incandescent. There are now in use 21 arc and 400 incandescents. The capital stock of the corporation is \$20,000 and they are the owners of the plant complete. They have plants at Lacon, Ill., at Havanna, Pittsfield, Marshall and Owosso, Michigan. This plant at Shawneetown is the largest. The city is well lighted and the works have given the greatest satisfaction since their establishment.

**J. D. RICHESON COMPANY, General Merchandise, Pioneer Store.**—This company is conceded to be the oldest one in town and for that reason takes the title "Pioneer Store," which it emblazoned on its outer walls and battlements. It was established in 1838 by J. D. Richeson, Sr., who died about a year ago, full of honors from his fellow citizens. The business is now carried on by his son, Mr. A. G. Richeson, who has maintained the character of the business and the goods, the stock running up to \$22,000, consisting of groceries, clothing, boots, shoes, hats, caps, gent's furnishings, provisions, carpets and furniture. They have double store, the principal one facing on Main Street and the rear one devoted exclusively to groceries, on a side street. Besides the firm have a up stairs over both stores and a warehouse down the street. They are the owners of the building. Their business is principally retail, but they have quite a jobbing trade. Notwithstanding the depression, last year was a good business year with the firm. Four employees are engaged. Mr. Richeson, Sr., was a native of Virginia; but Mr. A. G. Richeson is a native of Shawneetown, a member of the Knights of Honor and a man who has not merely succeeded to his father's place and business, but has earned and merited the place he holds and the trade he controls through his own personal merit and worth.

**GOETZMAN BROTHERS, Grocery, Queensware and Bakery.**—In our sketches of the business men of Shawneetown, we aim to show the representative men and the best class of business. In the category we place the names of the Messrs. Goetzman Brothers, who have successfully conducted their business for the past eleven years. They are dealers in fine groceries and choice table supplies, queensware and bakery products and trade heavily in produce. The business is retail, necessitating the employment of three helpers and extends out into the county. The trade has been good and the past year has been no exception, though not up to the year before. The stock is nicely exhibited and handled in their fine store 20x80 and will run up to

\$6,000. They are the owners of the building and are men of means and of the best commercial standing. They have a large store room up stairs well stocked. All goods are of the best class and are kept in first-class condition. Mr. John R. Goetzman was born in the city; the other brothers Messrs L. W. and Joseph L. Goetzman are natives of Kentucky.

**THE RIVERSIDE HOTEL.**—This hotel has been erected on a grand scale and is one of the finest hotel buildings outside of the City of Chicago. It is a four story brick, with 52 guests' rooms, besides other rooms, elegantly furnished parlors and sample rooms on the ground floor. The Messrs. Hooppaw Brothers are the proprietors. They are successors to R. Cadle. The Messrs. Hooppaw Brothers have had the house since the 5th, of December, 1893 and under their experienced management, it has the best patronage of the city. It is in fact the only first-class hotel in the place. Though Shawneetown has no water works of its own, the hotel has and affords its guests an abundance of pure water. Their wash rooms are fitted up with basins and tank closets, a luxury not often found after leaving the larger cities. The hotel is lighted with electricity; the bed rooms are elegantly furnished with new furniture and much above the average. Sixteen help are employed; on the street floor is the post-office; on the main floor a large office and a dining room almost the length of the house. It is situated, as its name implies, on the riverside, overlooking the famed Ohio River and its rooms are all well arranged for light, ventilation and pure air. A bus meets all trains. The rates are \$2 per day; special rates to families. There is a fine chain of lakes, about ten miles long, composed of seven separate lakes situated about a mile and a half from the city, back from the river which is at the disposal of their guests, where game, fishing in abundance can be had and the proprietors of the hotel furnish fishing tackle of every description for their guests use, with boats at the lake and minnows and when requested meals will be sent also, all without extra charge to them. There are two houses for camping purposes at the lake. The lakes are noted for their unlimited stock of game fish and a party can have good sport here, with all the comforts of the hotel within short reach. In the fall season the lakes swarm with ducks and geese which may be had for the hunting.

**THE SHAWNEE NEWS.**—In the Shawnee News the people of Gallatin County have a reliable firm and ably conducted journal. It is a four page, 8 column paper issued weekly, on Thursdays. From four to five employees are engaged on the paper and since its establishment in 1872 the paper has always been on time and up to date in its news and contents. It is the only Republican paper in Gallatin County and is the leading journal of the County. Mr. S. C. Koons, is its active editor and it is published by Koons, Stough & Lloyd, as the News Printing Company. Its editor is attentive in looking after the paper's interests; his push, grit and energy are shown in a few remarks on his card; "no trade advertisements; no cordwood; no shoddy work; no shoddy prices." Mr. Koons is a native of Marion Ohio, but has been a resident of Shawneetown since his first connection with the paper. The proprietors associated with Mr. Koons in the conduct and management of the paper, are, Mr. E. L. Stough, who is a native of Bellefontaine, Ohio; and Mr. W. H. Lloyd, who is also a native of the same place. They came here with Mr. Koons for the special purpose of taking charge of and conducting a first class family paper and their enterprise has been encouraged in a substantial way by the people of Shawneetown and Gallatin County.

## EL DORADO.

El Dorado, is a comparatively young chicken in the barnyard of Southern Illinois hens. She was hatched out somewhere about 1857 and took her name from a combination of the names of two families, the Elders and the Reeds. She first was called Eldereedo, which gradually became fixed into El Dorado.

The town became settled first, principally by the Elders and Reeds. Maj. Elder was quite a political man, taking an active part in the public questions of his time. It is thought Nel Webber erected the first house and after he was here a short while he put up a little saw mill. One of Maj. Elder's sons and a Dr. Soldier erected a saw mill also and put up a grist mill, which was afterwards destroyed by fire.

A stake factory was in operation here at one time giving employment to seventy-five men a portion of the time; the company was an Indianapolis concern, but it failed and has gone out of business. The interest of the concern was bought out of by J. J. Meagle who will probably start the works again this fall; he is in Memphis now running a factory there.

El Dorado has now two flour mills in operation and a brick yard.

Three railroads center here, a branch line of the L. & N., the Big Four and the Alton & Terre Haute.

The town did not build up much until within the last four or five years and its principal growth has been in that time. It has a population now from 1800 to 2000 and has some very substantial brick business houses, well stocked with a fine class of goods.

It is now incorporated with the following officials; John Yost, Mayor; R. A. Musgrave, Treas.; Jas. Collins, Clerk, with a board of six Alderman from three wards.

Like most of the cities, it now has an electric light plant.

There have been quite a number of fires among the business houses and many of them are now erecting their own brick stores and will be comfortably settled therein with an increased stock by the time this work is issued.

All lines of trade are represented here, the most prominent of them being set out in our sketches.

The Grand Hotel is a fine brick structure and is a first-class house.

Saloons abound, notwithstanding which fact, drunkenness is rarely met with.

Trade is dependent largely on the farming community around and business on the whole is in much better condition than a few months ago.

The city is spread over a wide area, though the business section is narrowed down to close quarters.

The Louisville & Nashville road is about to put on an additional passenger train to Shawneetown and better service than heretofore is looked for and on the whole, it may be truthfully said that El Dorado is making rapid strides forward in the direction of material improvement and in the cultivation of a lively commercial spirit. Many of its citizens and business men have ample means to carry forward enterprises begun and others in contemplation and the general disposition is to venture more in business channels than has been the rule heretofore and the good effect is apparent. New firms have come in and are doing a thriving trade.

It has its newspaper, in the "Reporter" which we have taken notice of separately.

The new drug store of the Messrs. Mathis &

Scudamore, with its polished oak fixtures, beveled mirrors, tile floor and new stock, is on thorough modern lines.

Churches and schools are to be seen among the residences and the people seem contented and happy.

**OSCAR N. GIBSON, M. D.** Physician and Surgeon.—One of the best known physicians of El Dorado, is Dr. Oscar N. Gibson, who has reached a prominent position in medical practice. He has been seven years in practice as a graduate of the Miami Medical College, of Cincinnati, where he took a three years course, although at that time only two were required. Besides his general practice, he has been made examiner for several of the best eastern life insurance companies, viz., the New York Life, the Aetna and the Equitable and has also been made local examiner for the A. O. U. W. Lodge here. Besides a thorough medical education, the doctor has a fine literary and scientific training, having taken four terms in the Carbon-dale University, together with a high school course. Since coming to El Dorado, he has been engaged in active practice all the time, which has become an excellent one. He did some work as surgeon for the railroad, who have his name on their books, though he has not been regularly appointed their surgeon. He is a regular physician and a member of the Saline County Medical Society and a gentleman of high standing both as a medical practitioner and socially. He is a native of Mt. Vernon a member of the Odd Fellows and of the Knights of Pythias and of the A. O. U. W. Financially, he is well to do, owning his own residence.

**S. A. WHITLEY, Drugs, Paints and Oils.**—One of the very finest, drug stores in Southern Illinois, is that of Mr. S. A. Whitley, an experienced and educated pharmacist, established eight years here, with a stock averaging \$5500 and comprising a full line of drugs, standard proprietary medicines, paints and oils, books and notions, musical instruments, watches, jewelry, hanging lamps, brushes, fancy and toilet articles and a thousand and one things that go to make up a well stocked, first-class store. The business requires the assistance of three employees. Everything is conducted about the store on a neat and orderly scale and great care is always used in the handling of the drugs. Mr. Whitley makes several preparations of his own which have attained considerable celebrity. They are, a Blood Purifier and a Diarrhea and Cholera Remedy. He is owner of the building. He was born in the county and has been here most of his life. He is a member of the Masons and is highly esteemed both as a professional man and as a citizen.

**JAS. C. BURNETT, Attorney at Law.**—Mr. Burnett, who is a native of the county and a resident of El Dorado since 1881, is a man thoroughly well known in the community and since entering upon the practice of his profession has had a good practice from all classes of citizens. He has been made more an arbitrator or mediator than opposing counsel and the majority of his cases has been in the way of settlements and compromises. He has thus in most instances retained the friendship of both sides. He has been engaged in active practice in El Dorado about a year and a half. He is a graduate of the Law Department of the Wesleyan University, at Bloomington, Ill., and also attended college at Ewing, Franklin County, Ill. He confines his practice exclusively to the law and commercial collections. He has a fine library which comprises a complete set of the Illinois Reports. His clients' interests are closely guarded and he has never lost a case from inattention. He

is a member of the A. O. U. W. He believes a lawyer's business is to keep his clients out of court.

E. O. GROVES, Dealer in Hardware, Queensware, Stoves Tinware etc.—Mr. Groves, shows his enterprise in rebuilding his store immediately after being burned out a short while ago. He has been established 15 years and can not afford to be deprived of a well established business by such a trifl as a fire and the partial loss of his stock. He has a complete new stock, consisting of general and builders' hardware, queensware, stoves, tinware, woodenware and saddlery goods. His line of stoves are the best in the market, particularly the New Homestead, from the Evansville, Stove Works. Other parts of the stock come from St. Louis and Chicago. The stock will amount to \$1,500 and is well shown up in his fine store 30x50. His business has been good and he was not much delayed in his orders by the fire and his customers were very indulgent. He is a native of Kentucky and is a member of the Masons. He is a property holder, owning a nice dwelling house in town and has acquired an enviable position in the business community.

MATHIS & CASH, Successors to Young & Mathis, Lumber and Building Materials.—This new firm came in last February as successors to the old firm who were in business for four years before. They own the premises which are quite extensive, running from one street to the other a space of 50x250 feet. The stock is a large one, comprising all grades and sizes of lumber, rough and dressed, lath, shingles, doors, sash, blinds, brackets, lime, hair, cement, etc., besides builders' hardware, locks etc. The business is retail, but extends out in the county to Ridgway, Norris City, Raleigh and Hamburg. Two hands are usually employed and the stock runs up to about \$4,000. Shingles come from Chicago, cedar from Seattle, Wash., hard lumber from Missouri, Arkansas, Texarkana and Mississippi and some shingles from Mobile; mill stuf from St. Louis. The members are natives of the county and have taken hold of this business with a determination to make it a prominent industry of El Dorado.

R. A. MUSGRAVE, Dealer in General Merchandise.—El Dorado boasts very fine business houses and among the first class ones, we mention R. A. Musgrave, who carries a stock of \$5,000 in a fine store 20x70, with a store room in the rear. The store is elegantly fitted up with new fixtures, new and fresh stock and of a fine assortment and variety. Mr. Musgrave has been in business a little over a year for himself, having succeeded Mr. W. R. Hall, who had the store several years. Mr. J. H. Musgrave, Senior, began business in this line 20 years ago and is still living, a respected citizen. Mr. R. A. Musgrave is now the sole proprietor and owner of the building. He keeps two employees. He has succeeded to his father evidently in tact and judgment, as well as to his business, which he is conducting with efficiency and success. Mr. Musgrave is a native of the city and was raised here. He is a member of the Masonic order and of the A. O. U. W. He is a property holder in town and is a man of excellent qualities.

C. P. BURNETT & SONS, General Merchandise. The finest store, the heaviest stock and the most substantial brick building for business purposes in the city is that of the Messrs. C. P. Burnett and Sons. The business has descended from father to sons, the elder C. P. Burnett having died some time since, leaving an honored name and a business well established, which has been successfully conducted since by the young men. The stock consists of general merchandise, clothing, drygoods, boots, shoes, hats, caps, notions, gent's furnishings, etc., with the upper floors stocked with the finest class of furniture and stoves. The stock will average \$20,000 and eight employees are engaged. The store room is a double one 44x70. Notwithstanding the depression, last year was an exceptionally good year with this firm. The business has been established for 20 years and is not subject to much disturbance; the customers are old and tried and the firm make it to their interest to continue with them. The firm had the misfortune to be burned out some time since, which gave them the opportunity to put up a finer and larger building

much better adapted for their business, which they did and which they now own. The elder Burnett, was a Mason and a native of the county. The young men are also natives of the county and both are members of the Knights of Pythias. The business has grown under their fostering care and management and there are no more successful business men in the city to-day.

MATHIS & SCUDAMORE, Druggist.—In the line of drugs and druggists' sundries, this firm can not be excelled. They carry a stock valued at \$5,000 and it is all first-class goods. It comprises drugs, proprietary medicines, toilet and fancy articles, books and stationery, window glass, paints, oils, wall paper, musical instruments and jewelry, watches, clocks, cutlery, cigars etc. They were burned out last February and immediately put up their own two story brick building, with a space of 21x80. They are both educated, experienced pharmacists and study their business in all its details. They aim to give satisfaction and have a pride in their store and the quality of the goods they dispense. Physicians' prescriptions especially are put up with extreme care. Mr. W. E. Mathis is a native of the city and a member of the United Workmen. Mr. W. D. Scudamore is a native of the place.

THE GRAND HOTEL, I. D. Hack, Proprietor—This fine new two story brick hotel has just been completed and is under the management of Mr. I. D. Hack, an experienced hotel keeper, who has been in the business in El Dorado for five years and assumed charge of the new hotel on its completion, some three or four months since. The house has been elegantly furnished throughout with new furniture and everything is on a first class scale. There are nineteen sleeping rooms. He employs from five to six help. The hotel is only two blocks from the depot, has fine sample rooms, a large well lighted dining room and comfortable office. The water is good and the supply abundant. The rates are \$2 per day and it is the only first-class hotel in the town. Mr. H. is attentive to his guests' comfort and will afford every assistance to the travelling man. Mr. Hack was born in Pennsylvania, but has been a resident of El Dorado for five years. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. and of the Knights of Pythias. He is a citizen prominent in El Dorado's affairs, his own interest being very considerable and is considered one of its best representative men.

W. A. WATHEN, Dry Goods, Groceries and General Merchandise.—Mr. Wathen is a new business man in El Dorado and is fast gaining ground for himself. He has opened a fine store 20x60 which he has stocked with a first-class assortment of dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, notions and articles usually carried in a general store. His stock is a new and clean one and will foot up between \$2,000 and \$3,000. He starts out well and with such a fine stock and his experience and business capacity, there can be no doubt but that he will soon gain a good trade. He is a native of Gallatin County and has chosen El Dorado as his place of business. Mr. Wathen comes to El Dorado with a good record as a farmer and business man, a man of the world and by the time this work is issued he will have established himself firmly in the good opinion of the people.

THE EL DORADO "REPORTER." A weekly five column quarto, ably conducted and managed by Messrs. M. B. Friend & Son. This paper has been established four years with a circulation of about five-hundred. Democratic in tone and leaning, but is a bright news sheet and is always filled with carefully selected reading, extracts and well considered comments each week. The elder Friend, is a native of Wayne County and the younger man of Hamilton County but they have made El Dorado's interests theirs and are putting forth their best exertions for the success of their paper, as well as the welfare of the city and county. Mr. Friend is an experienced journalist who is up with the times in all that is instructive and elevating. He is a man who is not narrow minded, nor one who confines his investigations to politics solely; his field is the wide world and from its domain he gathers in all that is suitable for the best interests of the public at large. The firm do the job printing for the city.

**EL DORADO ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT.**—El Dorado is in the procession of cities lighted by electricity and the change is proving more satisfactory every day. The city erected its own plant at a cost of \$6,000 and placed a thoroughly competent engineer in charge, in the person of Mr. S. T. Webber, who is also lessee. The works are of the Thompson-Houston Electric Co. make, of Lynn, Mass. The capacity is 50 arc lights and 300 incandescent. There are in use at present 17 arcs and 250 incandescents. Mr. Webber is a skilled electrician and engineer and since the establishment of the plant, there has been neither accident nor shut down, with one exception, when the works were struck by lightning one night and parts of the dynamo burned out. He is native of El Dorado and was raised here. He therefore has a double interest in the place of his birth, looking back to it as the place of his nativity and forward to its future advancement and position among her sister cities of Southern Illinois and his position at the

head of so important an improvement and advance toward commercial supremacy.

**BANK OF EL DORADO.**—The Bank of El Dorado is a private bank, established some two years ago by Mr. W. E. Mitchell, with Mr. O. E. Pearce as Cashier. It is the only bank in town. Its business is conducted with every care and precaution. The utmost confidence is manifested in the bank at all times and this faith has been rewarded during the last year of depression, during which it was a friend of many a business man. The bank owns the building in which it is housed, which is a neat brick structure, in a prominent location, at the junction of several of the business streets and is convenient of access from several points. Mr. Mitchell is a native of Franklin County and is a man held in high regard and honor among his fellow citizens. Mr. Pearce is a native of Equality, Gallatin County and has the confidence of all the business men of the place. Mr. Mitchell is also a member of the Knights of Honor.

## LAWRENCEVILLE.

The wary wanderer, wending his way over the rich soil of Southeastern Illinois, will find hedged within the great forests of that section of the State the thriving little city of Lawrenceville, situated on the western bank of the Embarras River, (commonly called here the Ambrow) a narrow stream, and nine miles west of the Wabash River, which is the boundary of Illinois and Indiana. In every other direction rise apparently interminable forests presenting a grand aspect of huge trees stretching high into space, their ponderous limbs and heavy foliage shrouding the azure field above.

Lawrenceville lies in the heart of the Wabash Valley, on what is known as the Shoal Tract in Lawrence County.

### HISTORY.

The first settlements in this part of the United States were made at and near Vincennes, Ind., in 1795, or thereabouts, by the French, though it is known Vincennes was inhabited as early as 1734. These coteries of explorers, visionaries, conquerors and wanderers spread in every direction, forming settlements and villages wherever they chose to pause in their marches after riches and glory.

Undoubtedly the land on which Lawrenceville now stands was habitated about 1800 by Frenchmen who had roamed from the chief settlement at Vincennes. By right of discovery these French settlers claimed the ownership of the land and the National Government despatched a committee to investigate and determine who should be its actual possessor. Accordingly, in 1807, the House of Representatives ceded to Toussaint Dubois 1020 acres of ground known as the Shoal Tract, one hundred acres of which are embodied in the city limits of Lawrenceville. As a village the settlement existed for many years and in 1821 the ground was surveyed and a town laid out. On Feb. 12, 1835, by an Act of the Legislature, the Town of Lawrenceville was incorporated under a special charter. In the spring of the present year, 1894, a census was taken and the town became a city under the general charter. The city acquired its name from Lawrence County, which was named after the brave Commodore Lawrence whose dying words, "Don't give up the ship," have found a warm response in every patriotic heart.

### RESOURCES.

The immense forests lying on the northern, southern and western sides of the city and which as yet have little felt the wood-cutter's axe, present innumerable opportunities to industries that require excellent timber. Hickory, oak, sycamore and poplar are the predominating woods. Manufacturers and millwrights seeking investment would do well to investigate the timber within the vicinity of Lawrenceville before locating in any

other locality.

During this year several acres of the finest fire-clay in America have been discovered near the Embarras River and the present mayor of the city is industriously striving to organize a stock company to utilize it in the manufacture of paving brick, etc.

The streets of the city are covered with an excellent class of gravel, which is procured on the eastern bank of the same river. The supply of this is said to be inexhaustible. In fact, all that the city needs to become one of the leading lumber and manufacturing centers of south-eastern Illinois is the investment of large capital.

### AGRICULTURE.

Situated in the Wabash Valley, proximate to two rivers and infested with a multitude of creeks and streams, the land without the county is well adapted to agriculture. The rich soil southeast of the city is advantageous to fruit growing.

Outside the forests and loam, in all directions, one will find the ubiquitous prairies—ubiquitous in Illinois, at least, "The Prairie State."

A large tract of land 20 miles long and 20 miles wide which formerly was hidden under a tremendous lake, has lately been eased of its irksome burden of water and now constitutes the most fertile spot in Illinois. The Wabash River has been leveed for this distance and five ditches, each thirty feet wide and fourteen feet deep, have carried off the surplus water, permitting the ground to be used in agricultural pursuits. Those desiring farm lands should inquire into this matter very explicitly.

### EDUCATION.

Education is modern civilization and refinement. Religion is morality, education is culture. Those ideas of character and mind which are instilled into the children, are the most vital agents in advancement or decline of a nation. Lawrenceville is doing her full share in this regard and has a most elegant modern schoolbuilding. About four hundred pupils attend the school.

### CHURCHES.

Four churches adequately satisfy worshippers and are as follows: Christian, Methodist Episcopal, Free Methodist and African Methodist Episcopal Church.

### SECRET SOCIETIES.

Secret fraternities and benevolent organizations having lodges here are: K. of P., Masons, I. O. O. F., M. W. of A., K. of H. and the G. A. R. Among the religious and social societies we might mention the Epworth League and the society of Christian Endeavor.

### RAILROADS.

The railroad facilities of the city are all that could be desired in a city of 1500 inhabitants. The

"Big Four" route makes connections with the north and south, while the Baltimore & Ohio conducts the traffic to the east and west.

#### CHARACTER OF THE PEOPLE.

The inhabitants of Lawrenceville are cordial and progressive. United ambition, such as displayed by the citizens at present, will cause the city to grow steadily. Every one is wide-awake to all urban interests and is anxious to see the city advance. We predict that if Lawrenceville people remain as affable and ambitious as now, 5000 people will call this their home within ten years.

Lawrenceville has a county court house, school building, Masonic hall, two newspapers, fire clay, coal, fine gravel, two railroads, four churches, five secret society lodges, twelve wide streets, fifteen hundred people, post office, bank, opera house and the finest timber in the world.

**GEE & BARNES, Attorneys.**—The leading law firm of this city is Gee & Barnes. S. J. Gee, the senior member of the firm, was born in Lawrence County. He acquired an education in the common schools and at Shurtleff College, Upper Alton, Ill. In 1882 he was admitted to the bar and has been eminently successful in the practice of his profession. He has served the people as States Attorney. Mr. Gee is connected with the Knights of Pythias, as is Mr. Barnes. Phillip W. Barnes was born near Springfield, O. He attended the public schools of Lawrence County, graduating from the High School in 1873. He likewise possesses a diploma of the Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill. From 1885 to 1890 he acted as County Judge. His party sent him as delegate to the National Republican Convention at Minneapolis in 1892 and has retained him as Chairman of the Congressional Committee for ten years. Mr. Barnes is one of the proprietors of the Lawrenceville Bank. No one here is more interested in the social and financial advancement of this city than Mr. Barnes. He easily foresees that Lawrenceville has a future and applies his powers to attract capital to the city.

**KILGORE & HUFFMAN, Mill-wrights.**—Bread is one of the essentials of life and flouring mills are among the leading industries of the land. The milling business is extensively conducted here by Kilgore & Huffman. Their mill is situated on the banks of the Embarrass River and is a large structure. Here, the farmers of Lawrence County find a desirable emporium at which to sell their products and by the way in which they flock there we should say that they appreciate so worthy a firm as Kilgore & Huffman, who have managed the mill for two years and a half. Lately a bed of fire-clay was found along the Embarrass River around the mill and under the mill. This progressive firm intend to purchase suitable machinery and will soon be making paving brick, etc. The mill is operated under the careful management of Mr. Kilgore, who makes a success of the business. Mr. Huffman, junior member of the firm, is a lawyer held in high repute by all, as he has made this county his home for twenty-five years and has served as County Judge and States Attorney, filling the latter office for two terms. In connection with his legal business, Mr. Huffman is engaged in abstracting.

**GEO. HUFFMANN, Attorney-at-Law.**—The ablest individual practicing lawyer in Lawrenceville is Geo. Huffmann, one of the lights of the Bar of Southern Illinois. He was born in Knox County, Ind., in 1853. He studied in the Vincennes University, Vincennes, Ind., and the Lincoln University, Lincoln, Ill. He applied himself industriously to his books and by diligent hard work and merit, secured a very liberal education. Leaving university he commenced teaching. Thinking seriously of becoming a barrister, he studied law and began practicing in 1872. By dint of persevering energy and aptitude to discern legal questions, he has established a lucrative practice. Mr. Huffmann is a member of the Knights of Honor. Apart from law he is engaged in fruit culture, having twelve acres of pears here and about fifteen acres of oranges and lemons in Florida.

**FRANK C. MESERVE, County Judge.**—No person in this city possesses a wider bevy of friends than Frank C. Meserve, Judge of Lawrence County. Born in Massachusetts in 1856, he attended the

schools of his native city, graduating from the High School, after which he became an earnest student in the Boston University. In 1880 he was admitted to the Bar and has practiced law with much success. For two terms, each term being of four years duration, he was Master-in-Chancery. In 1890, he was elected to his present office. By the worthy, just manner in which he has fulfilled the rigorous obligations of his position, he has rapidly come into great favor with all. Mr. Meserve has proven himself worthy of the people's trust. He is high up in Masonry and under his direction as Master of the Lodge, the Masons have just completed an elegant hall here. The building is 80x42 feet and the hall 42x60 feet.

**BENJAMIN R. FISHER, Circuit Clerk.**—A comparatively young man of Lawrenceville who has made a mark for himself is Benjamin R. Fisher. Born here Aug. 20, 1862, he attended the public schools, where he learned the necessary rudiments of letters and figures to fit himself for the battlefield of life. Among the offices of public trust held by this popular gentleman are: Supervisor, Justice of the Peace, Postmaster and Circuit Clerk, which latter office he has filled for the past four years. He is immensely popular with all classes of people and everyone concedes that Mr. Fisher has many future opportunities to serve the people in still higher spheres of usefulness. He has always lived in Lawrence County and all of his ambitions have been centered around his home district. Politically a democrat he has remained true to his party in weal and woe.

**W. A. COCHRAN, Sheriff.**—Faithful farmers have done no little work for the weal of the general public. Some of the highest offices within the gift of the people have been filled by worthy tillers of the soil. They have always shown themselves competent and above all, honest and sincere. W. A. Cochran, Sheriff of Lawrence County, was elected to this office four years and has amply satisfied his adherents by the upright manner in which he has always fulfilled his duties. Born in this county in April, 1849, he received an education in the common schools. The majority of his days was spent on the farm, where he inured himself to customs of hard work. Mr. Cochran has gained much credit from the general public by the excellent way in which he has acted as Sheriff. Though affable and agreeable always, he is stern when duty commands him be so.

**ISAAC DELONG, Planing Mill.**—This city is situated near some of the finest forests and timber lands in Southern Illinois and the large scope of business offered by these natural advantages is well taken care of by Isaac DeLong, who manages and conducts the only planing mill to be found in this section of the State. The mill is a large, commodious two story building, adequately equipped with the finest modern wood-working machinery and is situated against the "Big Four" railroad tracks. The business has been conducted in this building for about four years, though Mr. DeLong has been in control for only a year. In that short period of time his custom has increased to great magnitude. Mr. DeLong is an exemplary business man, being progressive and conservative. He controls a large trade over entire Lawrence County and is immensely popular.

**W. R. CRACKEL, Dealer in Farm Products and Agricultural Implements.**—Mr. Crackel entered this world on a farm in Wabash County in 1861. He attended the country schools, where he acquired enough erudition to accomplish his aims in life. He then went on a farm and labored industriously for several years, finally engaging in agricultural pursuits of his own accord and alone. Three years ago he opened a small store at Lawrenceville Junction, where he engaged in the feed and farm product business, buying and selling for cash. His business gradually assumed greater proportions and two years ago he opened a similar store at Lawrenceville, his business house being near the "Big Four" depot. One year ago, perceiving that his business was still growing, he purchased and opened another store at Lawrenceville Junction and he now owns three stores. When he first inaugurated the business, Mr. Crackel had several competitors; now he has no rivals and controls the

market. We need not say that Mr. Crackel is well-known and popular here, as he could not do so large a business unless he had the implicit confidence of all.

J. N. ROSBOROUGH & SON, Insurance and Real Estate.—J. N. Rosborough was born in Indiana and while yet young came to Illinois. He acquired a good education in the public schools of Illinois and Indiana, fitting himself admirably for life's battle-field by industry and application in the class room. He has been acting as insurance agent for twelve years and has met with unchequered success. He commands the bulk of the insurance business hereabouts and represents many of the best companies. Mr. Rosborough is a perfect gentleman, ambitious and progressive. He is wide-awake to the advantages of modern improvements and is always anxious to see Lawrenceville improve in appearance and increase in population. He is prominently connected with the I. O. O. F., K. of H. and the M. W. of A. Mr. Rosborough is recipient of much valuable assistance and advice in business from his son, C. H. Rosborough. He was born and raised in this county and besides lending his father invaluable aid, he conducts one

of the most complete news and stationery stores to be found in this section of the State. C. H. Rosborough is a bright, wide-awake young man and is strictly modern in his views.

T. E. CLEGG, Blacksmithing.—Among the chief industrial pursuits of Lawrenceville, we desire to make mention of blacksmithing. Over a year ago Mr. T. E. Clegg, the leading blacksmith of this city, opened up a large shop and at once achieved a success, financially and artistically. His shop is much larger than any to be found in cities of five or ten thousand inhabitants and implements and material used are presumably the best acquirable. Mr. Clegg makes a specialty of horse-shoeing, though he does masterly work in repairing buggies, wagons and in general blacksmithing. The receipts of the business average \$100 a month and the trade comes from the whole of Lawrence County. He was born and raised in Lawrence County, but learned his trade with leading mechanics of Louisville, Cincinnati, St. Louis and other western cities. Mr. Clegg is well-known to the people in this county, as a skilled blacksmith, thoroughly experienced in all branches of his trade.

## BENTON.

Benton the county seat of Franklin county is one of the substantial towns to be found in Southern Illinois. It is situated on the Cairo Short Line Railroad 92 miles southeast of St. Louis. It is in the watershed of the Big Muddy river which flows in a southwesterly direction into the Mississippi and is surrounded by as fine a fruit and stock growing country as will be found on the surface of the globe. The people of the town numbering some 1500 souls have made good use of their opportunities, have traded with the surrounding farmers in an honest and liberal manner and hold their trade for all lines of goods to the almost entire exclusion of foreign trade. An outsider will find it hard work to sell the people of Franklin County, except through a Benton merchant.

The town has at present a 1st and 2d Baptist church with nice buildings, the Christian church with a handsome structure; the Methodists have not as yet a building of their own, as likewise the Saints.

The town both in the business and residence portion is well shaded. Most of it is the virgin forest, but where there is not it is planted.

The Court House stands in the midst of a grove of trees.

The saloon license in Benton is very heavy, \$1500 and government tax \$25, so that business is confined to two bar rooms. The town was seven years dry, a year wet, then a year dry and now wet.

Benton has up till now lacked railroad facilities but soon new lines will be in operation. The Chicago, Paducah & Memphis, which makes almost a "bee" line from Chicago to Memphis north and south, is expected to be in operation in Jan. '95. At present writing it is graded and rails laid from Chicago to Marion in Williamson County and trains running over it. It connects with the Wabash at Altamont.

The town has a fine electric light and power house.

Six hundred and fifty school children and good brick school houses.

The coal veins in the neighborhood are nine and eleven feet thick.

The city has this year been regularly incorpor-

ated with four wards. They are shortly going to gravel the square and several blocks on Main street; if a success the entire town will be so laid out. All the sidewalks are being laid in brick.

Lots on the public square are held at \$100 a front foot, but there are none for sale.

### EARLY HISTORY.

Milton Carpenter, J. Reid and Noah Johnson submitted a report Aug. 21st, 1839 under which title was acquired by the county of Franklin from John Ewing and Walter Sakin for twenty-two acres of land the present town site. Having acquired the land the county commissioners proceeded to lay out the town and called it Benton.

Lands were then sold to raise funds with which to erect public buildings. The first sale took place on the 29th of Oct. 1839 at which 33 lots were sold for \$2620.62; another sale took place April, 21, 1841, when 21 lots were sold.

At the March term, 1840, of the Commissioners Court it was ordered that the courts should continue to be held at Frankfort until further orders. About this time certain parties were protesting against the location of the county seat. The contest was settled, however and the further orders given by way of an Act of the General Assembly of the State, approved Jan. 7, 1841 declaring "that from and after the first day of March, 1841 the seat of justice in and for the county of Franklin shall be deemed and held to be at the town of Benton."

Accordingly the removal was made and the first term of the county court was held in Benton in March, 1841. The first court house was erected in the spring of 1841 and cost \$5,950. This was a small frame building and was afterwards removed and used as a dwelling. In March, 1842 a brick court house was ordered and was completed in 1845 at a cost of \$3000. It was a two story brick about forty feet square. The present building was contracted for in 1874 at a cost of \$24,000 and the old court house sold to the contractor for \$125 and he used some of it in the construction of the new building.

About half of the population of the city are members of the churches.

Daniel M. Browning now commissioner of Indian affairs was an attorney here and formerly Judge of the Circuit Court; he is Past Grand Master.

son of Illinois, W. S. Cantrell chairman of the state board of railroad commissioners, is from Benton. John A. Logan began the practice of law here and the house where he first went housekeeping is still shown; it is one of the landmarks of the place and Chicago people have wanted it to put on exhibition.

On the 18th of August 1893, 13 business houses including the Post-Office, were destroyed by fire and nearly all the records of the P. O. lost.

The celebrated case of the people vs. David Williams was tried here in 1866. Williams was being tried for the supposed murder of one McMahon when McMahon walked into court. A man supposed to be McMahon was found dead in a tree top two miles east of the town, who has never since been identified.

**EXCHANGE BANK** of Ward & Moore.—This private bank has been established, since 1876, by Messrs. Ward & Moore, two of Benton's wealthiest citizens, who own the bank building, besides a block of fine new business houses and are largely interested in other commercial enterprises. The bank has a capital of \$25,000, with a surplus of \$45,000 and the deposits run from \$60,000 to \$65,000; the collections and loans will amount to \$90,000. This is a splendid showing for this bank and denotes the confidence and trust reposed in the institution and its managers and owners. While affording all reasonable accommodations to its customers, the bank is quite conservative and loans only on the best approved securities. Mr. Ward has lived here since he was seven years of age; his native place is Ewing, Franklin County. He has made good use of his wealth and is greatly honored and respected for it. He is a Mason of prominence. Mr. Moore is a native of the county and is an influential and practical man of affairs. Mr. R. A. Youngblood, the Assistant Cashier, has lived in Benton all his life, with the exception of a few years spent in Shawneetown. He is the right hand man in the bank and has made himself indispensable to Mr. Ward, who fills the position of Cashier.

**WARD & MOORE**, Grain Dealers, Lumber and Railroad Ties.—This firm buy and ship grain to all points, selling direct to the mills. They ship wheat, oats and castor beans to Baltimore and other points, for which purpose they have built and own three warehouses on the Cairo Short Line track, one for each of these products and their capacity is from 5,000 to 6,000 bushels of each kind of grain. The firm is a regularly formed partnership and has been established some twenty years. From three to five employees are engaged and the business is a prosperous one. In lumber and railroad ties, they are large dealers, buying extensively and contracting with the railroad company for supplies.

**W. H. HART**, Attorney at Law.—Mr. Hart is a young attorney of much prominence in Benton, having been engaged in active practice for four years and being appointed local attorney for the St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute R. R. Co. and holding the appointment for the past two years. His early education was acquired under Judge Browning, from whose private school he graduated, in Benton. Judge Browning is the present Commissioner of Indian Affairs. On the completion of his legal studies, he was admitted at Mt. Vernon to practice and the first year of his practice here he was village attorney, showing at that early stage his unusual qualifications and his popularity among the people. He taught school ten years before entering upon the study of law, in Franklin, Jackson, Randolph and Monroe Counties of this State. Outside of his profession he deals in tax land and is the representative of parties here who buy extensively in this land. He is a native of the county and a member of the Christian Church.

**Wm. F. SPILLER**, Attorney at Law.—Mr. Spiller is an attorney of established practice and is eminent as State's Attorney of Franklin County and a preacher of the Christian Church. He is a man of excellent education and ably fulfills the manifold duties imposed on him. He was elected State's Attorney in 1892 for four years on the Democratic ticket. He has been practicing since 1888 and early studied under Judge Browning. He was engaged in practice awhile in Colorado. In Benton he ser-

ved four years as Circuit Clerk and two years in the County Clerk's office, as Deputy. He is a native of the county and has been a resident of the city for eleven years. He has two fine offices elegantly fitted up and together with Mr. Hart, the attorney, has a very fine library containing all the latest editions and decisions.

**J. L. BROWNING**, Stationer, Books and News-dealer.—Mr. Browning is one of the representative young men of Benton, wide-awake, pushing enterprising, not for selfish ends, but in a broad sense for the best interests and advancement of the city's growth. He takes an interest in all public matters and has been made correspondent for the Herald and Times, and News Record, of Chicago and Post-Dispatch and Republic, of St. Louis. He has been established in business since 1887 and has built up a fine trade. Quite a jobbing trade is done with the country stores. Since starting in business Mr. Browning has built and owns the building in which his store is situated. It is 20x40 and well stocked with a full line of stationer's supplies, books, periodicals, stationery and fancy articles, amounting to about \$1500. Two clerks are employed. Subscriptions are received and renewals forwarded for any paper published in the world and party, wedding and ball invitations are furnished on short notice. School supplies are made a specialty. Mr. Browning is a native of the place, his father being born in Benton in 1820. Mr. Levi Browning, the elder, was in business from 1841 to 1887 and is still living. Benton has much to expect from young men of Mr. Browning's stamp and they are the men who give such a place its commercial supremacy and importance.

**WARD & LAYMAN**, Staple and Fancy Groceries.—This is probably the leading grocery in town, composed of two old experienced grocery men, Mr. Ward having been engaged in the same line for some years before forming the present partnership. The firm has been established three years, and has a very large trade in the place. They carry a stock of \$1500 which is made up of the finest goods to be had in the market, including an extra fine assortment of staple and fancy groceries, of the best brands and from reliable houses and a stock of queensware and tinware. The store is 20x70. The trade is very carefully watched and every want is catered to. Satisfaction has always been expressed by customers with the dealings of this firm and their reputations are firmly established for honest and legitimate business methods, backed with a stock of goods that cannot be excelled in quality or low price. Bargains are frequently offered to make room for new goods and customers are not slow to take advantage of these occasions. Two employees assist. Mr. D. M. Ward is a native of the city and a member of the Masonic order. Mr. J. C. Layman is also a native of the place and both members of the firm are greatly esteemed.

**G. T. HUBBARD & SON**, Dealers in Staple & Fancy Groceries, Saddles, Harness, Etc.—Father and son have made a good combination of business interests in the grocery and saddlery lines, Mr. G. T. Hubbard having charge of the saddlery department in which he is a skilled mechanic and his son Mr. S. M. Hubbard giving his personal attention to the grocery, which is in a separate store. The two stores are separately arranged, though connecting, the grocery being 20x90, including an additional storeroom and the saddlery store 20x60. They carry a stock of the value of \$4,000 and four employees are engaged. They have been established since 1887 and are one of the best known firms in the city. In the grocery line, the stock is a full and complete one, all first-class goods, fresh stock, a fair line of queensware being also carried. Mr. S. M. Hubbard is an experienced grocery man. In the saddlery branch, Mr. G. T. Hubbard is a manufacturer of long experience and his workmanship can not be excelled. The firm are well to do, owning the building and having a fine established trade. Mr. S. M. Hubbard is a native of the city. Mr. G. T. Hubbard was born some seven miles south, at Frankfort, is a member of the Masons, I. O. O. F. and G. A. R.

**C. C. PAYNE**, Justice of the Peace and Attorney at Law.—Justice Payne is one of the early settlers in Benton, having been a resident here since 1839 and engaged in the practice of law since 1869. His duties as a justice do not in the least conflict with his law practice. He practices in all the courts of the State and in 1875, was engaged as attorney for the Ku-Klux-Klan, an organization which struck terror to the hearts of many people throughout the country, but were held in contempt by the people down here who know them better. He acquired some notoriety in these cases and succeeded in getting his clients off lightly. He has been elected a Justice for a term of four years and has still a good deal of the unexpired term to fill. Mr. Payne was born in this county, is a member of the Baptist Church and of the G. A. R. In the law, he is an able jurist and keeps abreast with the latest decisions.

**JAMES F. MASON**, Abstracter of Titles, Notary Public, Real Estate and Loan Agent; Insurance.—This experienced financial and real estate agent has been established in this line of business since 1880 and in the abstracting of titles since 1884, which he now makes a specialty of, owning a complete set of abstract records, which are brought down to date every day. They are the complete records of the county and enable him to furnish a complete chain of title to any land in the city and county on short notice. In the real estate line, he is doing considerable trading and transferring of property, making sales of land and negotiating loans on real estate. He is a Notary Public and these different branches all work along the same lines together with insurance, in the sale and transfer of real property. He is agent for the following insurance companies: Hartford, of Connecticut; Phoenix, of Hartford; Phoenix, of Brooklyn; Queen of America of New York; American Central, of St. Louis; and Manchester, of England. Mr. Mason is a native of Tennessee, a member of the Masons and stands in the front rank of responsible business men.

**BROWNING, HAWKINS & CO.**, Hardware, Furniture, and Implements.—In union there is strength and the maxim is truthfully demonstrated in the case of this firm, who have combined their experience, knowledge, skill and capital in this line of business. They formed their partnership some two years ago and their combined efforts have given Benton one of the finest stores to be found in the city and their trade is correspondingly large. The stock covers everything in the hardware line, of the best materials and from reliable firms, furniture, implements, stoves, and tinware. They are manufacturers of their own tinware and for this purpose have a separate tin shop run in connection with the store. The store is 50x70 and the store room up stairs covers a space of 50x70 and is filled with fine furniture of all descriptions. They carry also a stock of undertaking goods. Mr. N. Browning is a native of the county and a member of the Christian Church. Mr. T. C. S. Hawkins is a native of Kentucky, but has been raised here and lived here for some thirty-five years. He is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church and of the Odd Fellows. Mr. P. S. Pope forms the Co. and he is a native of the county and a member of the Christian Church. The firm is a good one, of earnest Christian men, thoroughly upright and conscientious and who are ever ready to do to others as they would that others should do to them.

**MISS CLARA HUDSON**, Millinery and Dress Making.—This enterprising little lady has established a well paying business for herself in Benton and has gained the very best reputation and a splendid line of custom. In the busy season she employs four or five girls. She established herself a year ago last April and has made a success from the start. She carries a stock usually of from \$1000 to \$1200, of millinery and dress making goods, hats, gloves and corsets. Her business this year has been very good, notwithstanding the close times. Her store is 20x50 and is nicely filled with these fine goods, tastefully arranged in cases so that everything is kept in the neatest and newest order and no shop worn goods are allowed to accumulate. She does all her own trimming and dress making. Miss Hudson is a native of Iowa, but her associations are with the people of Benton where she

makes her home with her father, who is in business here, in the loaning of money for eastern corporations in which he has been engaged for the past twenty-five years. Miss Hudson is besides an artist, having taken a course in the Art Department of the Washington University, of St. Louis in 1886 and 1887 and has since taught classes for two years at Shawneetown and Springfield. She at one time had a class of eighteen scholars. She has gained a good reputation for her paintings in oil, water colors and china.

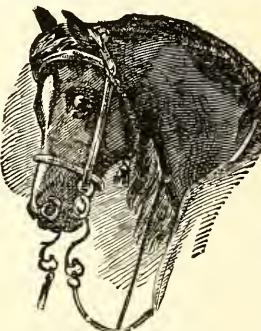
**JUDGE R. H. FLANNIGAN**, Attorney at Law.—Judge Flannigan was elected County Judge four years ago and his term expires in December. He declined a renomination for another term, preferring the more quiet and less arduous duties of the practice of his profession at the Bar. He began the practice of law in 1872 and was engaged in continuous practice, except when occupying public positions, as now and when he filled the office of Circuit Clerk and Master in Chancery. He took up the study of law and in the course of his practice has had several celebrated cases. The Judge is a native of Hamilton County, a Mason and Odd Fellow and is a man of sterling character. He is a Democrat in politics. He attended the Southern Illinois College, the Normal at Carbondale and the Law School of Washington University at St. Louis.

**WELSHMAN BROS.**, Manufacturers of Hand-Made Harness, and Dealers in Live Stock.—The harness trade is in good hands in the Messrs. Welshman Brothers, who have been in the business before, Mr. G.

H. Welshman having also been cutter and foreman in a factory for the last sixteen years. They are both practical harness-makers and make a specialty of hand-harness. They manufacture everything in the line themselves and their work is always guaranteed. They have been established as partners more than a year and in that time they have succeeded well in their business. They carry a fine

stock of manufactured goods and everything in their line will be found in stock. They are retailers and put forth all their efforts in this direction. Their experience is that honest competition and a fair trial universally results in the approval of their goods, and that the best is always the cheapest. Mr. G. H. Welshman is a native of Paducah, Ky., a member of the A. O. U. W., of the K. of H. and of G. A. R. His brother Mr. J. D. Welshman is also a native of Paducah, a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the K. of H. They have been out here three years, Mr. G. H. taking charge of the harness trade and Mr. J. D. of the live stock business. The latter buys and sells. Trade in this line has been very favorable and altogether the brothers are making a decided success of their united ventures. They are in partnership in both lines and have a live stock yard where they turn over to other parties the live stock to ship for them. Individually or together they have been in this business about three years and in this vicinity there is considerable cattle raised for shipment in this way.

**W. W. ADAMS**, Clothing, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Etc.—Mr. Adams is an experienced business man in this line of trade, having been engaged in it seven years and exclusively on his own account for the last year. His store is a neat one 20x65, nicely stocked with an assortment of some of the best stock on the market, of clothing, furnishings, hats, caps, boots and shoes. The stock will foot up \$1800. One employee is engaged and the business has been very good for the last year. Prices are held at reasonable figures and customers are sure to be suited at this store. Mr. Adams is a native of the place and belongs to the Masonic order. He holds a prominent place in the business com-



munity and has secured one of the best trades in his line in the city. He is agent for Lamm & Co., of Chicago, Merchant Tailors and as a special feature, he takes measures for suits to be made to order and sends them to this firm, who return the finished goods. Customers are assured in this way of perfect fitting garments, made by first class hands and to those who prefer this, this feature is an important and satisfactory one.

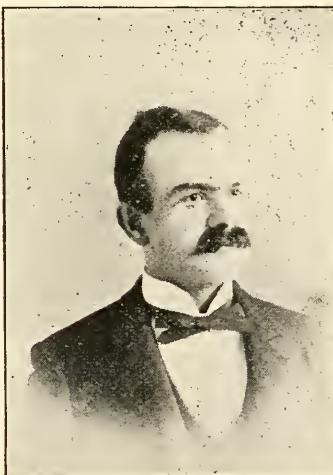
**A. D. JACKSON SADDLERY CO.**—This firm has recently been organized, is composed of A. D. Jackson, his two sons, Wm. D. and Charles A. and a daughter, Miss Anna B. Jackson. They are successors to A. D. Jackson, who established the busi-



A. D. Jackson.

ness in 1855, commencing in a retail way and branching out into the jobbing trade in 1888, which is now its principal feature. They are manufacturers of all kinds of saddlery goods, but principally harness and saddles. They employ twenty

men in their factory with the latest machinery for the purpose and carry a stock usually of about 20,000 and have three or four store rooms and buildings in town. Their trade is an extensive one, reaching all over Southern Illinois, to Colorado and Washington State, California, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and New York, mostly however in Illinois and adjoining states. They have men out on the road and their goods are well known in these various sections. The quality and the workmanship cannot be excelled and being large buyers, they are enabled to put these goods on the market at very low figures. A slight mention of men so prominently connected with so important a commercial industry of the city, will be interesting. Mr. A. D. Jackson, who is general superintendent, learned his trade back in the forties, in Philadelphia and other eastern cities and has devoted his entire life work to the trade. He is a native of Pennsylvania, a Mason and a man of exalted position in the community. Mr. W. D. Jackson is a practical mechanic and is the general manager of the manufacturing department and to his able



C. A. Jackson.

management and good judgment is due the reputation which the manufactured goods have acquired in the market. He has worked all over the country, from Providence to Denver, a great many years in Providence, New York City and Newark. He is conceded to be one of the best mechanics in his line there is in this part of the country and eager to catch on to everything new. When the Kay saddle came out, he was the first man in Providence to make one. Mr. C. A. Jackson is considered the best saddlery salesman in the country and is on the road most of his time. He is thoroughly familiar with the saddlery trade and is an expert judge of the quality and workmanship of the manufactured products. He is aware of the fact that his house offers an exceptionally good article for the money asked and wherever this fact is brought home to either the consumer or the trade, his orders are certain. Miss Anna B. Jackson is the book-keeper of the firm and she is a skilled accountant and familiar with all details of the trade. She is implicitly trusted and her statements always relied on. The firm believe in the motto that "honesty is the best policy," and with carefully selected materials and the latest improved machinery and their long approved methods of business, their success has been assured from the start.



W. D. Jackson.

P. S. POPE, Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes and Notions.—This is unquestionably the finest store in town in this line of goods. It is 22x125, located in a brick building and is filled with the finest goods to be found in the market and of the greatest variety. The stock in value will amount to \$10,000. A part of the upper floor is used. The store was opened in 1889, but since 1891 Mr. Pope has been conducting the business entirely alone. Three employees are engaged and under Mr. Pope's able management and careful business methods, his trade has been materially increased from year to year until now he probably has the cream of it in this section. New goods are being continually received and everything is on the progressive order. The material is of the best and correct styles are followed. The stock is a complete one in all respects and in such profusion as to suit all tastes. Employees are attentive and polite and are instructed to represent the goods exactly as they are and any statements so made will be warranted. Mr. Pope is a native of the county, is a member of the Knights of Honor and is one of Benton's first citizens in matters of business and public concern.

BENTON ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY.—Benton is a progressive young metropolis and will be found in the front rank, with all modern improvements. Two years ago she undertook the erection and completion of an electric light plant at a cost of \$7,000 and it has been in successful operation since. Its capacity is 18 arc lights and 360 incandescent and the full plant is now in use. The light has been generally adopted by the citizens and the convenience and advantage of it is fully appreciated. The city employs an engineer and assistant who are very competent men, Mr. C. H. Barrett being the chief engineer and Mr. H. B. Weaver the assistant. Mr. Barrett is a member of the Masons and is a man of excellent standing in the community. Both men have been selected for their positions from their well known abilities and skill in their professions. Everything has been running smoothly since the inauguration of the works and the lights have been burning regularly without interruption since their first start.

ST. CLAIR BROTHERS, Dealers in Hardware, Furniture, Agricultural Implements, Pianos, Etc.—The business of this firm was established in 1860

by J. J. St. Clair, who died in 1880, since which the business was continued as a firm by the brothers, Messrs. C. H. and G. C. St. Clair. Their store is located in a substantial brick building which was erected some fifteen years ago by them. They erected two other business buildings in Benton during the partnership, which unfortunately, however, were destroyed by fire in August, 1893 and were valued at about \$1500; but their loss though heavy financially, did not effect their business, nor their credit nor reputation as reliable dealers. Their trade was well built on too solid a foundation to be affected by any such means. Their stock now amounts to \$7500 and consists of a great variety of fine goods, hardware, tinware, stoves, furniture, agricultural implements, wagons, buggies, pianos, organs, sewing machines, clocks, jewelry, etc., the lighter stock being displayed in their store which is 22x80 and the heavier goods in a separate warehouse across the street. They use the upstairs of their building also as a store room, principally for furniture. The White Sewing machine is among their stock, also a special watch movement made for them called the "St. Clair Watch movement." Their warehouse is 60x100 and is well filled. Five employees are engaged and their trade is one of the best. The two brothers Guy C. and Chas. H. St. Clair are both natives of Benton. The firm are permanently established in business in Benton and have practically been identified with its interests since it became of much importance in the commercial world.

THE HUDSON HOUSE.—The favorite with the commercial traveller visiting Benton is the Hudson House. It is conducted by J. J. Hudson, an old experienced hotel man. The office is a convenient one, with a fine sample room and the house contains thirty bed rooms. Six employees look after the care of the house and nothing is neglected. The rates are only \$1.50 per day and for the service rendered, equals all of the \$2 houses and exceeds some. The house is a pleasant walk from the depot, where the guest will be met by a representative on the arrival of every train, who will guide him and take care of his baggage. Mr. Hudson is a native of the county and has lived in Benton all his life. He is the owner of the property which has also one or two fine stores in front.

## DUQUOIN.

Duquoin is a city of broad streets, shade trees, pleasant parks, splendid residences, substantial business houses. History of growth from a hamlet in 1854 to a beautiful city of 6000 in 1894 with numerous churches and excellent schools.

The city of Duquoin was selected by the Illinois Central R. R. Co. which was chartered with a capital stock of one million and the road completed in 1854 and it was laid out in their land and the plat recorded in 1853.

Six years previous to this a village had been laid out four or five miles southeast of the site selected for the new city and had been named Du Quoin in honor of an Indian Chief who had been converted to Christianity by French missionaries and had adopted the name of Du Cogné. This village had become quite prosperous and was the seat of an Academy that had gained quite a reputation as an institution of learning. The new city which soon absorbed nearly all the business of the village adopted its name also and the latter became Old Du Quoin. It is still a pleasant little village with its academy still flourishing.

The first houses were erected by the R. R. Co. and its advantageous position for trade and its wealth of coal which began to be developed as soon as the railroad was completed soon attracted a

population and it was not long until all the trades, professions and useful occupations were represented.

Three years after plating the village, it was incorporated; the first Board of Trustees were the following: B. Sprague, G. Y. McClaire, G. S. Smith, Damon Thing, G. C. Ward. Benj. Sprague was the first Police Magistrate.

In 1873 the city form of government was adopted. G. S. Smith was elected the first Mayor.

The city is beautifully situated on gently undulating ground which is easily drained. The streets are unusually broad and are bordered with magnificent shade trees that add immensely to the attractiveness of the city. A beautiful park of six acres is situated one block from the business centre.

The coal trade is the leading industry. The vein which is worked lies at a depth of from 30 to 75 feet below the surface and has an average thickness of six or seven feet. The coal is a very superior quality, sustaining little sulphur, is good for blacksmithing and is easily coked. Mining began here the same year the I. C. R. R. was completed and has been steadily growing ever since. New mines are being constantly added and the supply of coal is practically inexhaustible. St. Louis is the prin-

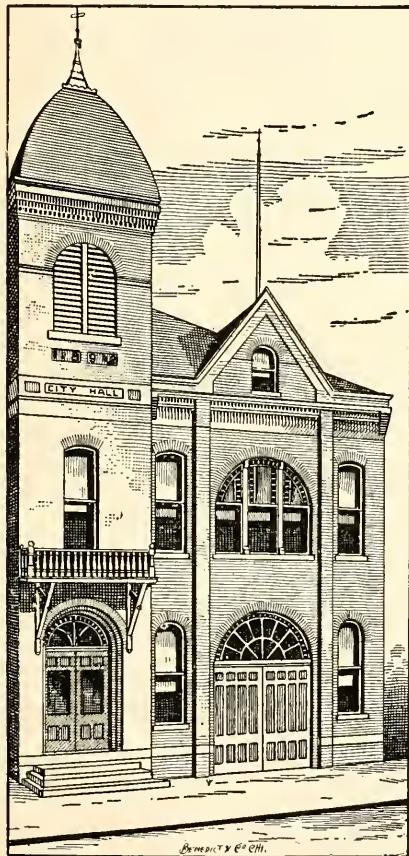
cipal market.

#### PRESENT TIME.

On Division Street, property sold recently for \$75 per front foot. On Main Street it sold for \$125 per foot. Residence property from the medium to the best is worth from \$5 to \$25 per foot. In outside additions it can be had for \$1.50 to \$3.00. The city has not had many fire losses and very free from fires for two years past. A row of buildings a hotel and livery stable were burned out about two years ago, which was the largest fire in the city's history. The volunteer fire department with hand engine and hook and ladder do good service. There are no water works and water is supplied from wells and cisterns.

The new City Hall was erected in 1892.

Mines were shut down six months on account of strike during the summer of 1894. There were fourteen mines in the vicinity all shut down at one time.



BENEDICT & CO.

#### City Hall and Fire Station.

The village of St. Johns, just above Du Quoin is a great mining centre. The men employed in the mining industry number about 1200 including St. John's. The whole business of the city was crippled and will be for a year on account of this strike and the stoppage of the mines.

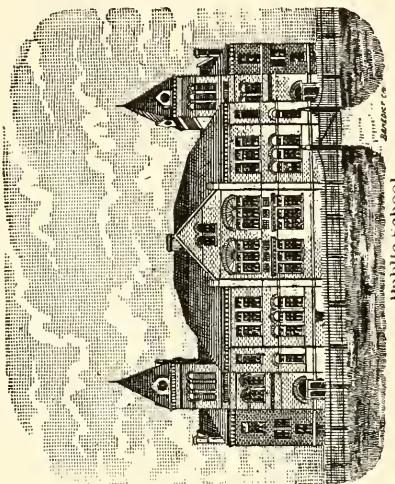
Only one man, James Baughn, was ever hung by law for murder in the county.

Officials or officers. W. E. Brookings, Mayor; F. V. Nettleton, Clerk; J. Favel treasurer; eight aldermen from four wards.

There are two brick school buildings for white children and two frame for colored.

The new school cost \$35,000, fourteen rooms; the west side school cost \$6000, four rooms. There were 1100 children enrolled and eighteen teachers employed in 1894.

The churches are represented by the Presbyterian, Adventist, Methodist, Baptist, Christian, Catholic (Convent and Church) Lutheran and Colored Baptist and Methodist.



The gas company have a fifteen year contract with the city supplying 154 lamps and they also light most of the houses and stores.

There is only a police court in Du Quoin and the police force consists of one man for nights and one for days.

The salt mines near the city were successfully worked till the low tariff went into effect.

A neat and well arranged Post Office is presided over by Benj. W. Pope as postmaster.

The first hotel of the place is the Columbian.

The town has among her industries Iron Works, Planing Mill, Flour Mill, Grain Elevator, Ice Plant. Also a fine passenger Depot.

**SCHLEPER & MILLER.** Groceries, Dry Goods, Shoes, Queensware, Produce Etc., West Main Street.—In this firm, Du Quoin possesses enterprising merchants of large business experience and a standing in this community of twelve years. They are also shippers of fruit and all kinds of produce, having shipped as much as seventy-two car loads of apples one year. The store is 24x80 and the stock will run from \$3000 to \$5000, principally from St. Louis. They have a good country trade and the members are watchful at all times of their business and make it their rule to give customers full value for their money. Men like these are a desirable addition to any city and to a young and growing city like Du Quoin it means the promise of a more rapid growth both as a city and in commercial importance. The members are Mr. F. J. Schleper, who is a native of Effingham County, Illinois and a member of the Catholic Knights; and Mr. J. J. Miller, who is a native of Cook County and also a member of the same order. They are men of high commercial standing and are the owners of the building.

**S. N. HALLOWELL & CO.** General Merchandise.—This is a branch store of the main one at Dahlgren. There are also branches at Mt. Vernon and Pinckneyville, the latter of which we have noticed there. The headquarters store is the largest and Mr. S. N. Hallowell is the sole owner and proprietor of all three. He is a property owner in Dahlgren and his stores are well and favorably known in the several sections where they have been located. In this store at Du Quoin, Mr. Ira T. Steele has been placed in charge as manager, and he has fully justified the belief in the conduct of its affairs. This store was established a year ago or a little over and the stock will invoice \$3,000. Mr. Hallowell is the buyer for all his stores and the stock is always kept full and of the best lines. Its value may be a guide to the variety and quality and it is only on such a fine stock that any

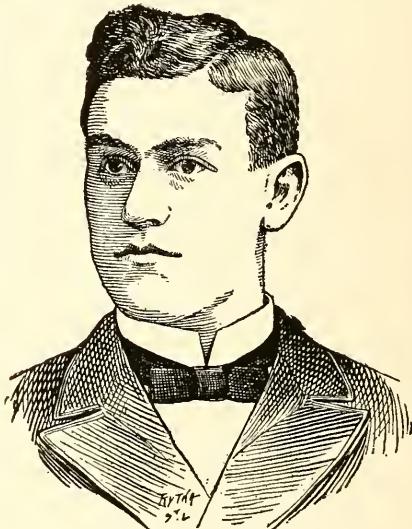
such trade as they are doing could be built up. The store is 18x70 and one employee is engaged. Mr. Hallowell is a native of Dahlgren. Mr. Steele is a native of Hamilton County and a member of the Good Templars.

**COLUMBIAN HOTEL.**—We can highly recommend the Columbian Hotel as a first-class house, situated up town where it is quiet and free from the noise of the railroad and where every home comfort can be obtained by the travelling public commercial men and families. The hotel is in charge of that experienced host, Mr. S. S. Kimmel, who formerly kept the Edwards House at Carbondale, for two years. The Columbian is a new house a fine three story brick structure and has been opened as a hotel about a year and a half. It contains thirty-three rooms, besides two sample rooms, a large office, reading and writing room, elegant dining room and electric lights and gas throughout the house. Nine help are engaged, often increased to eleven, according to the needs of the travelling public. The rates are \$2.00 per day and first-class accommodations are offered in return. The hotel has been in Mr. Kimmel's charge a year and his popularity is attested by increasing patronage. He sets an excellent table and everything is on the best order. A bus meets every train. The accommodations afforded are equal to any of the best commercial hotels of Southern Illinois. There is no confusion and everything runs smoothly. Mr. Kimmel is a native of Jackson County. He is an agreeable gentleman with a pleasant word for everybody, but withal having a strict eye to his guests' comfort and convenience.

**MARTIN C. CARR, M. D.**—Du Quoin is professionally represented in medicine by Dr. Martin C. Carr, who is a regular physician and surgeon since 1876 and well skilled in all the branches. He is a graduate of the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis. For five years he practiced at Smithton, in St. Clair County, but now confines his practice to Du Quoin and vicinity. At one time he was a partner with Dr. L. Dyer for over three years, who is still living, at the advanced age of 87. Though Dr. Carr is a very busy man, he still finds time to carefully peruse the medical literature of the day and to thoroughly inform himself on every vital point that arises from time to time in medical discussions. Dr. Carr is a native of the city. His office is on Division Street and his residence on Washington Street. Dr. Carr believes Du Quoin has a bright future for herself and as her citizens are enterprising and for the most part wealthy men, the elements are present for an unlimited extension of business and population and with the growth of population comes the need of skilled professional men. Dr. Carr has proven himself one of these and his practice and reputation is secure in Du Quoin.

**I. R. SPILMAN, Attorney-at-Law.**—One of the prominent practitioners at the Bar in Du Quoin, is Mr. I. R. Spilman who has been engaged in the active practice of law eight years. His early education was collegiate. He graduated at Ewing College, after which he studied law and was admitted to the Bar. He has had many good cases and some of the best clients that any lawyer could wish for. He does a general practice in all the courts and as counsel is often associated with other eminent members of the Bar. He was employed during the late strike of miners' troubles by the men, some eighty of them at Centralia and succeeded in changing a very serious charge to a minor one and thus getting the men released. He makes a specialty also of examining abstracts and real estate titles. He is a man of high standing in the profession, is a close observer of all late decisions, keeps himself in rapport with the course of the law and is not the kind of a man to be caught napping when the time for prompt action comes. He was born in Toulou, Stark County, Ill., has been a member of the Odd Fellows for twelve years and is a K. of P. He was at one time a partner of the late T. T. Fountain. His boyhood was spent upon the farm. He worked for wages to secure the necessary funds to pay the expense of his schooling and without any financial assistance from others he succeeded in completing the college course at Ewing. He is married and has a wife and one child.

**S. H. REID, Attorney-at-Law.**—The ranks of the older attorneys are being fast recruited from the younger aspirants of that distinguished profession. Many of the disciples of Blackstone are thoroughly fitted for the position they seek, both by nature and a long course of arduous study and training and preliminary practice under the guide and direction of more experienced practitioners. In this category we mention Mr. S. H. Reid. He graduated from the State Normal School, at Normal, Ill., with distinction and graduated in Law at Wesleyan College, Bloomington and practised a year there before returning to Du Quoin, his home, four years ago. His practice extends to all the courts of the State. He is one of the State's own educated sons and he is making a proud record of it. He was Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of the county and makes a specialty of Criminal Law. He is the attorney of the McCormick Harvesting Machine Co. and of the Du Quoin Union Coal & Co-operative



Company and has been given the credit of having the best general practice in the county. Mr. Reid is now retained as attorney for the defendant in the case of the People vs. J. V. Clark, indicted for murder, which is to be tried at the next April Term. In this case it is claimed that Clark killed one Geo. Johnson some three miles above Du Quoin last September. Mr. Reid is a native of the city and has been a resident here all his life with the exception of the years spent in education, as above. He is a careful and attentive attorney to all matters placed in his charge and never relaxes his studies of the course of the law. He is an able advocate and matters of great importance may be safely placed in his hands. In the social orders he is a K. of P.

**S. T. RING Photographer.**—The photographer's art has a charm that will never fail to draw, but it requires close study and diligent and long practice to produce perfect work. Mr. Ring has made his business a thorough study and employs only skilled assistants. His gallery is fitted up in an attractive manner and the picture room is one of the pleasantest to be found anywhere. He has been established here only since last August, but has been in the business for twenty years elsewhere, in Litchfield, Centralia and Marshall, Illinois. He is the owner of the building in Marshall and rents out the gallery there. In the time he has been in business here he has secured a well paying custom. His charges are reasonable, \$2 to \$3 for cabinets and he will make you special figures for particular work. He is a native of Platte City, Missouri, an Odd Fellow, a member of the Christian Church and Du Quoin has gained a worthy citizen and skilled artist in him.

**J. M. BROWNING**, Dry Goods, Groceries and General Merchandise.—There are but few stores in this line that can show the stock or the amount of business done that Mr. Browning can, after a successful business career of 15 years, which he has put behind him in Du Quoin. The store is 25x100 and the stock carried amounts to \$12,000; a separate room in rear is for groceries. Five employees are required. The store is fully stocked in every department with a fine assortment of the best class of goods, and everything is on a high grade order. Business has been good with Mr. Browning and he is careful to please his trade and is a man of discernment and good business judgment. His place is one of the best managed in the city and the stock shows careful attention in all the minor details. Mr. Browning is a native of Benton and a member of the Knights of Honor. He is the owner of the building and a thoroughly representative property holder and merchant of the city. F. V. Nettleton, the well-known city clerk, is Mr. B.'s chief assistant and able representative in his absence. He is manager of the Light Heat and Power Co. and Supt. of the Union Coal Mining Co.

**HON. BENJ. W. POPE**.—In Judge Pope, Du Quoin possesses an eminent jurist and counsellor. His practice commenced 15 years ago and many of the cases of public concern and large private interests fell to his charge. His early education was in the common schools and afterwards in the State University of Champaign. After completing his academic course, he taught school for several years and was Superintendent of the city schools of Du Quoin and Tamaroa. His aspirations being in the direction of the legal profession, he commenced the study of law in the office and under the guidance of Mr. R. W. S. Wheatley and Judge Wall, completing his studies in the Law Department of the University of St. Louis. He desired to pursue his studies further and entering the Law Department of the Northwestern University in Chicago, he graduated from there in 1878 and early in 1879 entered upon active practice. In November, 1890, he was elected County Judge of Perry County for a term of four years, being the first Democrat ever chosen to that office in the county, and in the recent election declined a renomination. He has been City Attorney and wrote the present city ordinances. He was appointed Post-master by President Cleveland in October, 1893. The Judge is a well-known orator and known as such throughout Southern Illinois. He is a native of Franklin County. He has made a model Judge during his term and leaves the Bench amidst the highest regard. He has assumed the active practice of his profession in all the state and federal courts. He is a member of the K. of P.

**F. T. FALLON**, Dealer in Grain and Manufacturer of Corn Meal and Feed.—Mr. Fallon is the successor to P. M. Pope since March, 1892, who had formerly been established since 1863 in the business of manufacturing corn products and feed. The capacity of the mill is 100 barrels per day and four employees are engaged. The house has been the grain market of this section for many years and shipping the surplus from time to time. Mr. Fallon handles grain as a jobber and at wholesale. He handles corn and hay and castor beans. He is the owner of the property which is a 2 story brick 40x60, with storage bins upstairs for the purpose of an elevator. The mill is as stable and permanent as the city itself and is so treated by its large patronage.

Mr. Fallon was born and raised in the county, is connected with the K. of P. and is a Royal Arch Mason. He is one of Du Quoin's prominent citizens and a reliable and responsible man.

**THE DU QUOIN "TRIBUNE."**—This staunch Republican journal was established 32 years ago, but a few years after the platting of the city itself, and it is the leading paper in the county to-day. Its editor is Mr. John T. Beem, a journalist of wide experience, education and of fine business tact, executive ability and management. It is a four page eight column quarto, published every Thursday, with 700 circulation in city and country. Its great press facilities afford it the best opportunities to undertake book and job printing, which it can turn out in elegant style and in the shortest possible space of time. Three employees are engaged on the paper and everything moves like clock work. Mr. Beem is a native of Pittsburgh, Pa., but has been closely identified with the city of Du Quoin and its interests for many years. He is a gentleman who has made a favorable impression on the community and he bids fair to hold his popularity.

**C. F. LINZEE**, Real Estate, Cor. Main and Division Streets.—Mr. Linzee is agent for some of the best insurance companies in the country, among which are the following: German American, Queen of America, Phoenix of Hartford, Continental, of New York, Franklin, of Philadelphia, Underwriters Agency, Germania, of New York, the Liverpool, London & Globe, the Hanover and the Northwestern, of Milwaukee. Mr. Linzee has been in business for twenty-one years and is an expert in real estate and fire insurance matters. He does a good collecting and loan business also. He has a number of pieces of city and farm property for sale and intending buyers and investors will find it to their interest to consult him. He keeps well posted on real estate values and can give a competent and accurate opinion at all times. Real estate and insurance are closely allied and are well handled in Mr. Linzee's hands. He has made the two his life business, and no better man could be found to consult on business of this nature. He is a native of Ohio, but has lived in Du Quoin since the war. He is a member of the Baptist Church, of the Masonic order and of the Grand Army. He is President of the Du Quoin Loan and Building Association and has been since its organization in 1887.

**W. E. KINGSBURY**, General Groceries, Glass and Queensware.—Mr. Kingsbury is a representative merchant of Du Quoin and his stock can be compared favorably in quality and variety with that of any similar business in the city. Besides his general business, he is a large jobber in the oils of the Standard Oil Company, supplying other merchants in town and shipping a good deal, in which he has been engaged since 1884. He has been established in business since 1879. Two employees are engaged to handle a stock, which will run up to \$2500. Trade has been keeping up well with him and his efforts to satisfy customers have been correspondingly seconded on his customers' part by their substantial appreciation of that fact. The store 22x65 presents a favorable appearance to the visitor, and though sometimes it is said appearances are often deceitful, in this case the reverse is the rule. Mr. Kingsbury is a native of New Hampshire and a man held in good repute in the city.

**A. C. BROOKINGS & CO., Druggists.**—Though one of the oldest established drug stores in Du Quoin, dating back to the fall of 1860, yet in every detail of stock and fixtures it is the most modern store in the city and in the matter of elegant and costly fixtures, cases and bottles, it cannot be surpassed. The fixtures are natural oak. The prescription case is a handsome affair with Georgia marble base, like the counters and the wall fixtures and cases having beveled plate mirrors. All the bottles are diamond cut glass. The compounding room is supplied with hot and cold water. The store front is of plate glass. The Messrs. Brookings are the sole proprietors and have been conducted their business as pharmacists in the same block since its establishment. Mr. A. C. Brookings is the joint owner of the block with his brother and has taken the corner for this store which has a frontage of 21x64 in depth. There is considerable competition in the drug business in Du Quoin; but it has been held in legal decisions that interference with a man's trade by fair competition is never actionable. On the contrary, it is universally conceded that competition is the life of trade. It is thus that new stores have sprung up around the old ones, but as the Messrs. Brookings are not only skilled pharmacists, clear-headed business men of energy and push and of advanced ideas in everything modern, but also men of wealth. They practically have no competition in the trade they control. They are the manufacturers of an "Aque Cure," and a "Cough Syrup" which are great favorites. Two employees are engaged. Mr. A. C. Brookings was educated at the State University at Athens, Ohio and attended the Rush Medical College in Chicago. Mr. C. M. Brookings is a graduate of the Illinois Pharmaceutical College at Chicago. Mr. A. C. Brookings is a native of Pennsylvania, a member of the Masonic Order and one of DuQuoin's wealthy citizens.

**E. E. SWAIN, Groceries, Queensware, Tinware, Hats, Caps, Etc.**—109 S. Main Street.—This young man who had experience in the grocery business before opening his own place, thought there was room in Du Quoin for another store in his line conducted as he knew how and though only having made the start but a short while ago, he is now holding a good trade strictly his own which he has built up by close attention to the quality of his goods, polite and considerate treatment of his customers and reasonable prices. Besides groceries, he carries a nice line of hats, caps, queensware and sundries. He has secured a good trade outside of town which promises to increase. The store is 22x22 and the stock carried about \$1000. He is a native of Franklin County, a member of the Christian church and is fast gaining the esteem and good will of his customers and the business community.

#### ASHLEY.

This town now incorporated as a city was laid out in 1853, but did not build up much until some two years later. The city has now a population of 1500 conservative, careful and quite well-to-do people. It has a Mayor and City Clerk and a board of six Aldermen, a board of education; 300 children are taught in a commodious school building. The Illinois Central and L. & N. give it good railroad advantages. The flour mills are the principal industry; also a broom factory. The Churches are the northern and southern Methodist, Baptist and Christian.

**EGYPT MILLING CO.**—This mill is the principal commercial industry of Ashley, employing 15 hands and turning out fine brands of flour at the rate of 300 barrels per day. It was incorporated ten years ago, being established back in 1866. Its officers are W. C. Pace, President; Geo. Allison, Secretary; and J. P. M. Harrison, Superintendent. Dr. Pace is also President of the Centennial Bank and a man of large property interests here; Mr. Allison has been an old resident of Chester and was the miller of Mr. Coles there for twenty-four years. Mr. J. P. M. Harrison came here from Kentucky and has been a resident of Ashley since 1853. He

holds membership in the Masonic Order. The mill is ably managed in the hands of these experienced gentlemen and it manufactures brands of flour well known to the trade of Southern Illinois, as follows; "Eureka;" "Coffey's Best;" "Belle of Ashley;" and "Satisfaction." Its supplies are drawn principally from the farmers around, whose wheat is of the very finest raised in any section of the State. The company are large buyers also from different sections on the road and their flour is produced by the approved roller process. The mill building is a substantial brick structure three and a half stories. The industry is strictly a home institution, built up by Ashley capital. It stands out prominently among the mills of Southern Illinois and being a part and parcel of the production or creations of its citizens, they are justly proud to be able to point it out to the visitor and speak of it in words of high commendation for what it has done for the city.

**THE PALACE HOTEL, Chas Krieckhaus, Proprietor.**—There is only one first-class hotel in Ashley and that is the Palace, which is close to the station. The house has been established ten years, six of which it has been under the management of Mr. Krieckhaus who is the successor to H. A. Gros. Mr. Krieckhaus has bought the property with the grounds adjoining, the whole covering 220x250 feet taking in two dwellings next the hotel. The grounds have fine shade trees and in the centre is a mineral spring surrounded by an arbor with vines. This mineral spring is pumped to a large tank and supplies the hotel with hot and cold baths; and for the coming winter Mr. Krieckhaus has put in a steam plant to heat the whole house. The hotel will accommodate a large number of guests, there being thirty rooms. The rates are \$2 per day. Mr. Krieckhaus sets a nice clean table with a great variety of well cooked dishes and the kitchen is under his constant supervision and orders, so that the traveller can rely on the very best of everything. Mr. Krieckhaus is a native of Germany but in everything except his birth he is an American. His people settled in St. Louis as early as 1849. Six years ago he came to Ashley and went into the hotel business at once, putting the house on a first-class basis and his success has demonstrated his wisdom. He was a business man in St. Louis for some years, in the hide business and he runs his hotel on a business basis, which the travelling public will appreciate. He finds time to interest himself in public matters, being a member of the School Board.

#### FREEBURG.

This is a quiet little town of about 1000 inhabitants mostly Germans, incorporated with a town board—a president and six trustees; a marshall and treasurer.

It has a brick school building with four rooms and four teachers and 225 children attending. It has Catholic, Lutheran, Baptist and Methodist Churches.

It has a volunteer fire brigade, hand engine, hook and ladders and hose reel.

The public square is a thickly shaded grove, the streets have gravelled side-walks and plank crossings and are lit with oil lamps.

It has telephone connection with Alton, Belleville, St. Louis etc.

It depends for its trade on both miners and farmers.

Freeburg was settled in 1837, the business that year being done in a blacksmith's shop, grocery and tavern.

**REICHERT MILLING CO.**—This company was established in 1861 and incorporated in 1887. Its officers are Geo. Reichert, President and W. J. Reichert, Secretary and Treasurer. The mill has a capacity of 400 barrels. A magnificent elevator has just been completed with a capacity of 50,000 bushels, a four story building and extensions. This fine improvement was necessitated by reason of the increasing demands being made upon the firm's product. Even with the increased facilities, the brothers who are the sole proprietors, have all they can do and employ a large force of men,

which will number about forty, engaged in active work. They have their own cooperage adjoining also. The brothers are the owners of the entire plant. The brands of their flour have become widely known and are made with the patent process; they are: "Reichert's Patent," "Perfection," "Pond Lilly," "Purity," "Success," "White Rose," "Potter's Mills," "Gazelle," "Axtell," "Game Cock," "Baker's Delight," "St. Clair," "Viola," and "Southern Star." The plant is one of the finest in the country, in capacity, structure and machinery and its product is shipped to all points, mostly south and east and some is exported also. The affairs of the corporation are well attended to by these gentlemen and it is strictly a home institution. They have brokers and traveling men and are doing a fine trade. They are both natives of the city. Their father, before his death which occurred on the 28th August, 1853, turned the mill over to these young men, who are now ably managing and conducting all its manifold interests with great success. The elder Reichert bought the mill during the war, in 1861 and continued in the mill business until his death. It is an important industry to Freeburg and has met with hearty encouragement from its people.

**CROWN MILLS ELEVATOR.**—This elevator is a branch of the Belleville Company and has been established here five years, with a capacity of 5,000 bushels. The Company is a regularly incorporated one, with Jos. F. Imbs, President, Charles N. Hahn, Secretary and J. F. Hill, the agent at Freeburg. This elevator is used only for the storage of their own wheat and the company have elevators at other points in this State and Missouri. Their wheat is bought at all these different points and are drawn on as the necessities of the mill at Belleville requires. This elevator is a two story structure, substantially constructed, with every convenience for the handling of the supplies. Mr. Hill the efficient agent is a native of the State and has been in Freeburg the past five years, during which time he has secured the good opinion of its citizens and has made many friends among the farmers who bring their wheat to him. The company have retained him in their employ by the very reason of his ability for the position and he is entrusted with the purchase and selection of all the wheat offered at the elevator and has shown his competency in many other ways.

**MRS. F. T. BATDORF, Druggist.**—Mrs. Batdorf has accomplished what few women could do. Left a widow with a most difficult line of business to either carry on or abandon, she has successfully conducted the business for the past two years and supported herself and her two little girls from its revenues. Her husband was a skillful pharmacist and had established his store during the six years he was conducting it on a sure foundation. The stand has been well known for a great many years as a drug store, but Mr. Batdorf infused new life into it and greatly increased the stock. Mrs. Batdorf has been fortunate in holding the custom and with Dr. Henry Hertel, who makes his office in the store has held its reputation. She is a native of Mascoutah and it is very much to her credit that she has done so remarkably well.

#### FAIRFIELD.

**J. W. TULLIS, Dealer in Stoves and Manufacturer of Pure Tinware.**—Among the elder tradesmen of Fairfield there is no better known name than that of J. W. Tullis. A native of Scotland, he crossed the Atlantic in 1851 and located in St. Louis with a hardware firm. Being well endowed with the proverbial Scottish shrewdness, he was not long in picking up the points of the hardware business thoroughly, and after a brief stay of three years he quitted St. Louis, determined to try his luck on his own account in the thriving town of Fairfield and he has met with unquestioned success simply through his own perseverance and attention to every detail of his business. During the 32 years he has been established here his progress has been identical all along with the progress of the town and to-day he enjoys the fruits of his labors in the shape of a thriving and lucrative business, which has

been built up entirely by his personal energy and is second to none in this section of the state. He occupies spacious premises on the principal business street of the town and enjoys the esteem and confidence of his fellow townsmen in all his dealings.

**E. S. BLACK & SON, Wagon Manufacturers and Dealers in all Kinds of Buggies, Carriages and Agricultural Implements.**—This extensive and prosperous business forms a prominent landmark in the history of Fairfield. It is without exception the oldest established business in this section of the State of Illinois. Mr. Black commenced business as a blacksmith in the year 1852 and through his untiring energy and tact, he soon added to his business of blacksmith, that of wagon builder and dealer in all kinds of buggies, carriages and agricultural implements. During the last twenty-five years Mr. Black's premises have been well-known and extensively patronized by the citizens of Fairfield and the surrounding districts. He is a native of Fairfield, born in the year 1834. Having devoted himself entirely to his business, he has gained thorough knowledge of all its details. His long and varied experience, added to his high personal qualification, gives him the foremost place in the ranks of his competitors. He is the oldest resident of the city and no one has taken more pains, or worked with more discretion in the interest of its welfare. His fellow citizens have showered upon him all the honor and distinction that lay in their power. From time to time he has been an Alderman and Mayor of the city and he is now occupying the Presidential chair of its Board of Education. His business occupies extensive premises in a convenient position and the prosperity and patronage it enjoys is the legitimate result of superior work and the satisfactory character of its relations with the trade. Mr. Black Jr., who has been admitted into the business as a full partner, will eventually succeed to a business built upon a solid foundation and under his active management the business will achieve a still more enviable reputation.

# HARRISBURG.

Harrisburg, Saline County's modest seat of justice, is not reckoned among the old settlements of the state, having started on its career only since 1855. The original county seat was at Raleigh, about six miles north, and in 1858 by a concerted movement of John W. Mitchell and others it was removed to its present location, for the main reason that it was a more central position in the county, besides the fact of there being a swamp between here and there.

Amongst the early settlers were John W. Mitchell, H. R. Pearce, Jarvis Pearce, Joe Robinson and L. P. McGhee. These old citizens have all passed away except Dr. Mitchell who is Mayor of the city.

The city is built on high ground and is laid out in the usual form of county seats, with the Court House in the centre of a square around which are grouped the business houses.

Its population is about 2500, with two brick school houses, one of six rooms on the east side and one of six rooms on the west side, just completed, which accommodate 600 children.

The churches are Methodist, Presbyterian, Cumberland Presbyterian, Baptist and two colored churches, Methodist and Baptist.

The city has had but few happenings of note.

The region was a rough country during the war, being little less than a wilderness, especially around the town and south of it. Since then it has been a quiet and peaceable place of residence and all disputes are settled here now by the orderly course of the law, instead of by fire and sword as then. No greater a promoter of discord and contention has visited the place since, than Bob Ingersoll who practiced law here. Mr. Raum, our Pension Commissioner came here in 1857 and remained up to 1874 in Harrisburg.

The city has a good trade and many of its citizens are quite wealthy.

Real estate around the square is valued at from \$40 to \$100 per foot, according to location. Town lots go for \$125 to \$400 and they are 50x200. Farm lands in the county, fine rich bottom lands, can be bought with the wild land at \$15 an acre and improved land for \$30 and it is claimed it produces as well as the land in any portion of the State that sells at a much higher price and Saline is the richest and most fertile county in the southern part of the State and there is a large amount of this farm land for sale.

The Court House was erected in 1861, at the beginning of the war. It is a two story brick structure with the brick worked into ornamental cornices, columns and piers and these special features finished in cement; divided by a hall in the first floor into which the different offices of the officials open and a large court room in the second story. Time has set his mark on it heavily and little or nothing is being done to stay the ravages of decay.

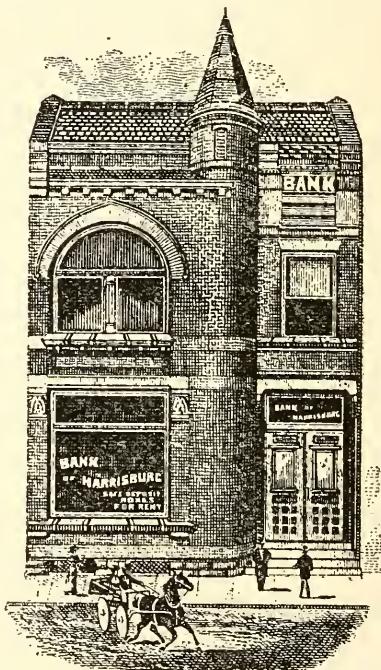
A new industry in coal mining has been begun, a nine foot vein of coal having been reached in a shaft just sunk about a couple of miles from the city.

The operators live here and it is a home institution operated from here. A good many men will be employed when operations are begun, it being expected that fifty car loads of coal per day will be mined within the next twelve months. The vein was struck at the depth of 142 feet.

There are two flour mills and a saw and planing mill, a public well on the square, many substantial brick stores and the residences cover a wide area.

The main reliance for trade is the farmers; the business part of town is five blocks from the depot and three trains pass each way daily.

**BANK OF HARRISBURG.**—This wealthy private bank has been established since 1882 and is owned and controlled by Mrs. E. G. Baker, President, Chas. P. Skaggs, Cashier and E. C. Baker, Assistant Cashier. It is not an incorporated institution, but an association of individuals, with a capital of \$30,000 and the owners of a vast amount of real estate, both in the city and country consisting in part of the building in which the bank is situated, a two story fancy brick structure, with the adjoining stores and buildings down to the corner, taking in several of the finest stores in the city. Mrs. Baker



has been a resident of Harrisburg for thirty-five years and has raised her family here. Mr. Baker, her son, is a native of the place, a K. of P. and a member of the A. O. U. W. Mr. Skaggs was raised here and is a member of most of the social organizations, being a 32d Mason, an I. O. O. F., a K. of P. and a K. T. The bank has the fullest confidence of the business community and during the tight times has stood by all the reputable business men of the city. The bank conducts also the business of renting safe deposit boxes, for which purpose they have fitted up vaults specially arranged for the accommodation of the public.

**HARRISBURG MILLS.**—John W. Mitchell, Prop.—This old established mill is owned and operated by one of Harrisburg's esteemed citizens, its present Mayor, Mr. John W. Mitchell. It was established 24 years ago and occupies a fine three story building, with a capacity of 100 barrels of flour per day. Seven employees are engaged in the mill proper and two additional in the cooperage. The brands from this standard mill are,—"Quick Shot,"

and "Pearl." Mr. Mitchell is a very busy man, being interested in a number of enterprises, making his headquarters and office at the mill, to which he is firmly attached. He is one of Harrisburg's first settlers and has been a resident of the city ever since the first building was erected and is now a wealthy man. He has interests in a saw mill and planing mill, is proprietor of the Ledford and Bald Knob Coal Mines and has been a large dealer in real estate in Harrisburg and in Saline and adjoining counties. Mr. Mitchell is still an active, bright business man and carries his business affairs and the responsibilities of the Mayoralty with wonderful ability, retaining a degree of good health remarkable for one of his advanced years. He is a native of Indiana, the city of Madison, a Mason and a member of the Knights of Honor. Mr. Mitchell has always borne a high reputation as a practicing physician. He has retired from the practice. He was until very recently a partner in the firm of Mitchell & Towle, Dealers in General Merchandise.

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK.**—This was formerly the Old Saline County Bank, which was established in 1876. Latterly, in 1889, it was changed into the First National Bank, under the able management and charge of the same officers as before, who are still at the head of the bank. They are, Wm. M. Gregg, President, C. H. Burnett, Vice President and F. T. Joyner, Cashier. The capital and surplus is \$115,000 and the business of the bank is strictly commercial. The business of the bank, at the close on July 18, 1894, shows resources \$233,618.44 with liabilities of about \$108,000. The officers are men of established reputation, of uprightness of character and the bank has the confidence of the entire community. Mr. Gregg is a native of the city. Mr. Burnett is a native of the state, with his residence at El Dorado. Mr. Joyner is a native of the county. The bank has elegant quarters for the transaction of its business and affords every accommodation to its patrons. The business is conducted with comparatively little expense, so that the bank has been a profitable one from its inception.

**J. B. FORD,** Planing and Turning Mill, Lumber and Building Material. Mr. Ford has combined several features in building materials and supplies into one in his plant, among them a turning shop where ballusters and scroll work and all descriptions of turning work are produced. This is a separate industry not often met with in the smaller cities and Mr. Ford has shown his enterprise in establishing a plant of this kind in Harrisburg. He is an expert mechanician at this branch himself and turns out some of the most beautiful work. His yard is heavily stacked with all kinds of lumber, dressed and rough, his planing mill dressing lumber for all uses. For building purposes, he carries a full line of mill work in the way of doors, sash and blinds, in a large warehouse, also laths, lime, cement and hair, shingles, fire brick, flue tile, mouldings, turned columns and scroll work, spindles, brackets, screens, pickets, etc. The stock will amount to \$14,000 the principal business being the working up of the rough material into finished lumber. The lumber supplies are mainly from the county. Mr. Ford has been established seven years and keeps eight employees. He has been a resident of the city for twelve years. He is a native of New York, but has cast his fortunes with the people of Harrisburg and has established a permanent trade.

**J. H. LEE,** Clerk Circuit Court.—Dr. Lee, who was a practicing physician for eighteen years, but has given up his practice now, was elected to the important office of Clerk of the Circuit Court at the election in 1892, for a term of four years. He is a graduate of the Keokuk, Iowa, Medical College. The cares of a physician's life are arduous to an extreme degree and though the doctor had an excellent practice and was very successful in his practice, he was persuaded to the more exciting and public position offered to him and he has become one of the best known public men of Harrisburg. He is a native of the place, a member of the Masons, of the G. A. R., the A. O. U. W. and of the K. of P., showing him to be among the best men in the social societies. His son, Mr. Will Lee, is Deputy Clerk, born in Indiana and is a young

man of talent and much promise.

**HERMAN T. TOWLE,** Dealer in General Merchandise.—Mr. Towle, is the successor to the old established firm of Mitchell & Towle, composed formerly of Mr. John W. Mitchell, Harrisburg's honored Mayor and J. W. Towle, the father of Herman T. Towle, which has been established for about twenty-five years. Mr. Herman T. Towle had been with the firm for ten years and recently made arrangements with the old firm by which he has assumed full control and management. The stock of goods carried is one of the best in the city, amounting to \$5,000. It comprises one of the best assortments of the kind to be found in staple and fancy groceries, dry goods, queensware, glassware, boots, shoes, notions, gents' furnishings etc. In addition to the store room which is 25x90, he has a store room upstairs also and a fine cellar and basement. His business is that of retailer, employing three assistants to handle the trade, which is a permanent one. Mr. Towle is a native of the city and has become thoroughly conversant with the details of his business and is a young man of energy and with a purpose and he is making a bold dash for a front place on an entirely new order of things.

**R. S. MARSH,** Attorney-at-Law.—Mr. Marsh is an experienced practitioner, having been in practice since 1881. He early studied law and after a thorough course was examined and admitted to practice at Mt. Vernon, by the Supreme Court. He has had a fair general practice, but confines the greater portion of his attention to real estate and chancery practice, in which he has made himself proficient. Real estate, farm loans and abstracting, takes up much of his practice. Those having disputed rights of property will consult their own best interests by seeking Mr. Marsh's advice. Mr. Marsh has a fine library and keeps abreast of the latest decisions. He is a native of Tennessee and came to Harrisburg in 1876. Before undertaking the study of the law, he taught school for four years. He is a member of the Masonic Order and of the A. O. U. W. Mr. Marsh is a highly esteemed professional man and has good social standing.

**PALACE CLOTHING HOUSE,** W. H. Harper, Proprietor.—This house deals in ready made clothing and clothing made to measure. It was established the 28th of February, 1888 and is the oldest clothing house in town and the first one that ever staid here. Mr. W. Harry Harper is the successor to Harper & Gregg and assumed sole control on the 22d of May, 1894. As a part of his business, he carries a line of gents' furnishings, shoes, hats, trunks and valises. His business is retail and one employee is engaged. The stock will run from \$8,000 to \$10,000. Some eight tables are heavily loaded with this fine assortment, which is one of the very choicest quality and makes. Mr. Harper is a fine tailor and represents the largest tailoring houses and has had ten years' experience in measure taking. The latest styles are always to be seen and nicely fitting garments will be guaranteed. Business has been exceptionally good this year, better than for years. The store 25x50 is a new brick building which belongs to Mr. Harper and a widow lady, Mrs. Sadie Rude, jointly. Mr. Harper has been a resident of the city nine years and is thoroughly well-known. His old home was in Mt. Carmel, his native place. He is a member of the M. E. Church, K. of P. and of the Odd Fellows.

**J. R. NORMAN,** Confections and Restaurant.—Mr. Norman, who is a young man, has been very successful in his line of business since its establishment some four years ago. He keeps a nice line of fancy and staple groceries, a well selected stock of the best grades, and all new and fresh, a very fine assortment of confections and a lunch room and restaurant, which has become a great favorite. Everything here is from the markets and cooked in an appetizing manner and furnished at such prices that the farmers do not think of looking elsewhere. The farmers are his best customers but to the citizens of the place who want a nice quick lunch, this has been just the thing. His stock of groceries and confections will run up about \$600. The store and restaurant occupy a space of 20x60, giving him ample accommodations for his busines.

He is a native of the place and has made a good name for himself among its citizens and the indications are that his business will be largely increased the coming year.

**N. JOHNSON, Dealer in Farm Machinery and Manufacturer of the Johnson Wagon.**—Mr. Johnson deals in all classes of farm machinery and implements, of which he carries a large stock. He is the manufacturer and proprietor of the Johnson Wagon, which bears his name, and for this purpose has a machine shop fitted up with a fine class of machinery. His working plant covers a lot 66x100, of which he is the owner. In the upper portion of the building is a large store room. Outside of his own wagon, he buys a good deal of his stock outright and also carries considerable on commission. The stock on hand will easily reach \$2,000. He has been established in business 27 years. Four employees are engaged and with the repairing and job work done besides, they are always kept busy. His plant for this purpose is the best in the city. His Johnson Wagon has become celebrated all over the State and is a prime favorite. It has a number of special merits which have commended it to the working farmer. An investment in one of these wagons is an investment in a treasure that always holds its value. Mr. Johnson is a native of Ohio and a member of the K. of H. He has one of the best records among the business men of the city.

**GEORGE R. MITCHELL, Livery and Sale Stable.**—There is no better equipped stable in any of the cities of Southern Illinois than that of Mr. Geo. R. Mitchell, where rigs from a speedy cart up to an omnibus can be obtained, and a full line of carriages, buggies, surreys, phaetons and drummer wagons and the use of an average of 16 head of horses. He has been established two years, has four employees and carries a stock of about \$5,000. He is a prominent man of the city, having been here since the war. He has been foreman of Mitchell's mill 13 years and was at one time extensively engaged in lumber. He built the warehouse for hay here and put in the hay press. He is a native of Indiana, a man of push and energy and of considerable means. He is a member of quite a number of societies, the A. O. U. W., the Masonic, the Grand Army and the K. of H. He has a splendid record in the army. He enlisted early in 1861 as a private in the 3rd Indiana Cavalry, was made captain before he was 19 years of age and was made major of the Indiana Cavalry in 1865 and altogether was engaged in the service four years and five months.

**THE NEW HOTEL SALINE, W. A. Wood, Proprietor.**—Under the new management this hotel has become a great favorite and, in fact, is the only first-class hotel in the city. It has been newly renovated throughout with an abundant supply of water and electric lights in all the bed rooms and new furniture. There is a free bus to and from all trains, a free sample room, with an elevator and fine office. The proprietor, Mr. W. A. Wood, is thoroughly experienced in the keeping of a hotel. He looks after his guests' comfort personally, and is assisted by his wife. The rates are \$2 per day. The hotel has been established about four years but only recently under Mr. Wood's management; it has 22 guest's rooms and from 25 to 40 can be accommodated. Five employees are engaged. What is not often found in the smaller hotels can be enjoyed

here, and that is a bath. Mr. Wood is a native of Vermont and holds membership in the Masonic order, being Master of the Lodge at the present time at Stone Fort and holding membership with the Harrisburg Chapter, also in the Eastern Star and the K. of P.

**J. M. JEAN & SONS, Dealers and Shippers of Poultry, Eggs and Country Produce.**—This wealthy and enterprising firm have a branch of their great number of houses throughout the state here, which is in charge of Mr. T. W. Marron who has been selected for the position by reason of his fitness and general business attainments and familiarity with this particular line. The firm buy poultry, eggs and provisions in the market and ship them all over the country. In this branch house the business usually amounts to \$100 per day in poultry, eggs and hides. Mr. Marron has one employee to assist him and their operations are carried on in a well arranged house 50x60 feet. The firm offer at all times a market to the farmer for his poultry and eggs and supplies are always promptly settled for in cash. This is an important industry for the place and a great convenience for the farmer, who thus avoids individual shipments, which have many perplexities to the average farmer. Mr. Marron is a native of Illinois, a Mason and a member of the A. O. U. W.

**FERGUSON BROTHERS, Bakers and Dealers in Fancy Groceries, Tropical Fruits, Etc.**—Harrisburg is as well equipped as any city of Southern Illinois in its five stores and stocks of merchandise and none show to better advantage than that of the Messrs. Ferguson Brothers, who are practical bakers and dealers in fancy groceries and tropical fruits. Their store is a fine double one 44x80. Five employees are engaged and the stock will run up to \$3,000. The perishable goods are quickly handled and everything in that line kept fresh and from the latest market. They have their own bakery from which they derive an excellent trade. Regular customers are supplied and the products of their ovens are made fresh several times a day. The firm have established a good reputation, having been in business for five years. Mr. O. W. Ferguson is a native of the place and his brother, Mr. Taylor Ferguson, is also a native of Harrisburg and both are members of the Knights of Pythias. Their standing in the business community is of the best.

**"THE HARRISBURG CHRONICLE."**—A journal less ably conducted, or whose interests were less carefully guarded, than the Harrisburg Chronicle, could not have retained the favor of the public so long or reached its present high position. It was established in 1859, a fair generation ago and it has never lost its popularity among the people. It is a 7 column quarto, issued weekly with a large circulation in the city and surrounding territory. It is Republican in politics, but partisan issues are sunk into the public welfare. Messrs. J. W. Richardson and J. J. Pickett are its able proprietors, and the journal under their management has attained to great influence. Three hands are employed in the press department and the paper does excellent job printing. Richardson & Co. is the style of the firm. Mr. Richardson is a native of Ohio and a Mason. Mr. Pickett is a native of Indiana.

## PINCKNEYVILLE.

The county seat of Perry County is 61 miles from St. Louis and is well advanced in business and has adopted most of the modern methods of trade. Its material welfare is rapidly increasing and it is gaining many accessions to its mercantile ranks and population from some of the slower going towns around and from many quite a distance off. Its milling, mining and railroad interests are enlarging continually, the latter being the principal. It is the crossing point of the Cairo Short Line with its branches to El Dorado, Paducah and Murphysborough and the Wabash, Chester & Western. Machine shops of the Cairo Short Line are located here, the main shops being at East St. Louis.

The population is 2800.

The business section is three quarters of a mile from the depot.

The city takes its name from General Pleckney who was a prominent man in the revolution and died in 1825.

The town was located July 21st, 1829 and was platted by the county commissioners Theikel, Johnson and Pyle; it was made on an 80 acre tract bought by them from the government. An addition was made to this of 35 lots March 1839.

The town progressed slowly till the Cairo Short Line was built and the Chester & Tamaroa (W. C. & W.), when it took quite a jump. Six years ago its citizens again woke up and induced the Cairo people to locate their shops here or at least a part of them; they are now thinking of moving the main shops here, because they can get such a plentious supply of fine water from tapping a lake lying a little northeast of the town. The creamery also which started three years ago gave the town a little boom.

The whole country around is underlaid with six and seven feet veins of coal, the city itself resting on a bed of coal and it is not necessary to go down more than 45 to 50 feet. There is also abundance of rock and timber for building purposes.

The Paducah, Harrisburg & Chicago Railroad incorporated Oct. 1894 is another road which will go through Pinckneyville.

The city covers about a mile each way from the center of the public square.

The present court house was completed in 1857 remodelled from the old one which was built in 1850; in 1857 a wing was added and fire proof safes in all the offices.

The city now owns the water works which were first laid by the Cairo Short Line, who by arrangement have a right to all the water they can use free. The supply extends out to the Fair Grounds. The water runs direct from the lake and gives a pressure down town of 350 pounds to the inch and in case of fire extra pressure can be put on, the pumping station having telephone connection to various parts of town. A fire is thus very readily controlled. A volunteer fire brigade with hose reel, hook and ladder and a house to store them in has always given very efficient service. The lake is a mile long and a quarter of a mile wide; the deepest place is 14 feet. A creek runs parallel with it which is kept dammed for an additional supply of water, so arranged that the overflow runs into the lake and the pumping station can draw from either source.

The city government consists of a Mayor, six Aldermen from three wards, a clerk, attorney, chief of police with two patrolmen.

Two terms of the county court are held here Sept. and Feb.; probate term the first Monday in every month.

The Schools consist of a graded, held in a large brick building of eight rooms and one frame building near by. Over four hundred children are in attendance. The superintendent has \$5 a month.

The churches are the Baptist, M. E., German M.

E., Lutheran, St. Paul's Evangelical and Catholic, Colored; Missionary Baptist and Free Will Baptist.

Perry County has a Horse Thief Society of 350 members and it is almost impossible to steal a horse and get away with him here; in the last five years eight horses were stolen and every one returned together with the thief; the Society meets twice a year.

H. P. HUNTSINGER, Physician and Surgeon.—Dr. Huntsinger is a physician of an established practice, dating back eighteen years, three of which were spent in the City of Chicago; the balance in Pinckneyville. He is a graduate of Rush, receiving his preliminary education at the High School of Jacksonville, Illinois. He is a regular physician and his practice is a general one. His reputation is established as a skillful physician and surgeon and in surgery he has performed a great many difficult operations. He is the President of the Perry County Medical Association and is well read in medical science and keeps abreast with the times in all approved methods of treatment. He is a native of Michigan, a member of the Masons and of the K. T.

THE PINCKNEYVILLE ELECTRIC LIGHT CO.—Pinckneyville is up with the procession in the modern methods of lighting her residences, stores and streets and has an electric light plant second to none. It is a strictly home institution and has some of the city's business men at the back of it. It is a regularly incorporated company under the law of the state, with a capital stock of \$12,000. The Thompson-Houston system is in use. Its capacity is 45 arcs, of which 25 are now in use and \$50 incandescent, of which 600 are in use. It was first put in use a year ago last September, 1893 and as may be judged from the above figures it has met with a complete success. The company own the plant and while it has yielded no large dividends, the men engaged in the enterprise feel well paid for the benefit it has been to the city. T. S. Campbell, the Druggist, is the President; Dr. H. P. Huntsinger, is the Secretary; and H. E. Hincke is the Treasurer. These are all representative citizens, identified with the largest enterprises and industries of the city.

T. S. CAMPBELL, Druggist.—Mr. Campbell has a pharmacy that would do credit to any of the larger cities and it is the finest one in Pinckneyville. It is completely stocked with a full line of pure drugs, proprietary medicines and preparations, fancy and toilet articles and a special stock of wall paper and paints. Mr. Campbell is an old pharmacist and established this store in 1874. He carries a stock of \$4,000. The store is 22x70 with separate store room in the rear. One employee is engaged always and the business is confined strictly to the retail branch. Business has been very good and with Mr. Campbell's reputation as a druggist and the fine stock carried, his trade is always assured. Mr. Campbell is a native of the county and has made a good record for himself. He is among the foremost men of the place and is President of the Electric Light Company.

GEO. J. HEPP, Proprietor of The G. J. H. Lunch House and Stationery and Notion Store.—Mr. Hepp is an enterprising and wide-awake citizen and keeps a favorite lunch and notion store, with everything on the best order and a store stocked with a complete variety of books, stationery, blank books, school supplies, novels, magazines, notions, musical goods, base ball goods, fishing tackle, pipes, knives, fancy goods, toys, candy, groceries, canned goods, dried fruit, green fruit, lemons, oranges, bananas, cigars, tobacco, cheese, sausage, dried beef, bottled goods, ice

cream, milk shake, lemonade, soda water and fresh oysters and celery in season. We have enumerated these goods of such a character, that a more general mention of them would not convey the impression desired of the stock carried by Mr. Hepp. Everything is on a neat order in the lunch department and first-class. He has been established since 1879 and was for eight years before that in business in the city. His store is 21x68 and is well stocked with these nice lines of goods, which come principally from St. Louis, with some from Indianapolis. He is the owner of the building, keeps one employee and his sons who are imbibing the enterprising characteristics of their father, have started a fruit store for themselves on the street at the rear, adjoining the store. Business has been good with him and he has a steady trade. He is a native of Germany and came here in 1871 and has been a resident ever since. He is an Odd Fellow and Mason.

C. H. GIESER, Dry Goods, Groceries, Notions, Hardware, Etc.—Mr. Gieser is the successful proprietor of one of the finest and best stocked stores in Pinckneyville and a partner in the general shoe store. He was in partnership as Gieser & Co., from 1881 to 1890, since when he has been conducting his business on his own account. His store is on a corner 25x66 and is completely stocked with a fine line of dry goods, groceries of all kinds, glass and queensware, notions and hardware, which will invoice from \$8,000 to \$10,000. His business is mostly retail, though he jobs in most everything in his line, supplying some of the smaller stores. From five to six employees are engaged. Mr. Gieser supervises everything and sees that goods and customers are properly attended to. He does a business of from \$25,000 to \$36,000 per annum. He is a native of Germany, but has been a resident of Pinckneyville for 36 years and is one of the best known and respected of its citizens. He is a pleasant gentleman to do business with and hence has attracted many customers which he has no difficulty in retaining.

PINCKNEYVILLE IRON WORKS.—This is a joint stock company, incorporated under the laws of the state, with Henry Driemeyer, as President, J. J. Bishop, as Secretary, Treasurer and Manager and H. C. Maasberg, as Foreman of the shop. The company was incorporated in 1891 with a capital stock of \$2000. They manufacture different articles for use in the trade, but principally what is known as the "Van Kueren Expander," a flue expander for boilers, a patented article manufactured solely and exclusively by this company; also the Dudgeon type of expander. They make a specialty of this, having express machinery for the purpose and supply the article to firms in various sections of the country and to the Whitman-Barus Mfg. Co., whose home office is at Akron, Ohio, who are their largest customer, with branch offices in Chicago, Cincinnati, Boston, Philadelphia, Syracuse, New York, Kansas City and San Francisco. They have three men employed continually and in the busy season employ more. They have a fine machine shop fitted up with all kinds of machinery besides the special machinery for this flue expander and manufacture general steam fittings of which they keep a large stock; they also keep a complete line of belting, hose, oils, etc. The company own the plant. Mr. Bishop, the manager, is also a dealer in agricultural implements and farm machinery for which he has a separate warehouse. He handles the McCormick Harvesting Machines; also the Rumley Engines and Separators. Mr. Bishop is a native of the city and is thoroughly familiar with the details of the business which have been entrusted entirely to him.

S. N. HALLOWELL & CO., General Merchandise.—This is a branch store of the main one at Dahlsgren. There is also a branch at Du Quoin and Mt. Vernon. The headquarters store is the largest and Mr. S. N. Hallowell is the sole proprietor of all. He is a property owner in Dahlsgren and is a man of considerable means, and his stores are well and favorably known in the several sections where they have been located. In this store at Pinckneyville, Mr. C. S. Learned has been placed in charge as manager and he has fully justified the belief in his ability which he has shown in the conduct of its affairs. This store was established a year ago last

March and the stock will invoice \$6,000, and the business done will run over \$10,000. Mr. Hallowell is the exclusive buyer for all his stores. Its value may be a guide to the variety and quality and it is only on such a fine stock that any such trade as they are doing could be built up. The store is 20x50 and three employees are engaged. The firm also buy and ship poultry besides eggs. From 10,000 to 12,000 pounds of poultry is sometimes a week's business. Mr. Hallowell is a native of Dahlsgren. Mr. Learned is also a native of the same place and was put in charge here from his well established business judgment and experience. The store presents a neat appearance and the stock is well displayed.

HINCKE & GIESER, Boots and Shoes—This fine store is devoted exclusively to the handling and sale of all grades of boots and shoes, ladies', gents' and childrens'. Mr. H. W. Hincke and Mr. C. H. Gieser formed their partnership two years ago and have built up a good business, due very largely to the fine stock carried, which will run up to \$4,000. The store, 20x40, is well stocked with a very full assortment of all grades and sizes of footwear, where the citizens may be sure to get suited. Two polite and attentive employees are engaged. Mr. Hincke is a native of the city and is thoroughly up in the shoe line, making it his business for a number of years. Mr. Gieser we notice in an article on his own general merchandise store. Such a special store is needed in a large community like Pinckneyville, which is growing daily, and the wisdom of the step is being proven from day to day.

M. L. KUGLER, Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Drugs and Medicines.—Mr. Kugler is an experienced druggist and pharmacist and keeps a neat store in this line in connection with his store for the sale of dry goods and general merchandise. The two stores communicate with each other in a space of 40x60, with a small room in the rear for storage. He has been a druggist seventeen years and is thoroughly skilled in all its details. He carries altogether a stock of probably \$1,500. His combined stores are a great convenience for the majority of his customers, and all orders receive his careful and prompt attention. He is a native of Washington County, a member of the Masons and of the A. O. U. W. and of the Fraternal Mystic Circle. Mr. Kugler has a good standing in the business community and has made his store a favorite stopping place for a large line of customers.

FRED. BECK, Groceries, Notions, Hardware, &c.—Mr. Beck is a thoroughly experienced grocer, having been in the business for 14 years, a part of which time he travelled for a wholesale grocery house. Ten years ago he came to Pinckneyville and opened business for himself and has been conducting a successful trade ever since. He carries a stock of about \$3,000, made up of the best grades of goods in the market. The store is a general one, such as groceries, notions, hardware, tinware, glassware and queensware and is 20x40, nicely arranged and everything shown up to the best advantage. The business is strictly retail, town and country, with the groceries as the special line and two employees are engaged to handle it.—Mr. Beck has succeeded so well in his business that he is now the owner of his building. He is a native of Massoutay, St. Clair County, from whence he went to California, spending seven years out there, and came from there here.

TERPINITZ MUSIC & JEWELERY STORE.—These experienced jewelers, the Messrs. Terpinitz Bros. have just started their business in Pinckneyville, but with a record of 14 years behind them they feel assured of success here, as they are masters of all its branches, thoroughly skilled mechanics themselves and good judges of the value of their wares. They do engraving and all kinds of repairing and carry stock, estimated at about \$1,000, of clocks, watches, jewelry and silverware. They also handle the Kimball pianos and organs. They are men of reliable character and their representations are in strict accordance with the facts. The stock is offered at reasonable prices and the charges for all classes of work are quite moderate. They will do replating and burnishing up old wares, making them as good as new. These brothers are natives of Anna, Union County, but they have cast their fortunes with Pinckneyville, where they hope to build up a permanent business and fine store.

**W. A. BIBY, Groceries, Fruits, Vegetables and Confectionery.**—Mr. E. W. Biby, the manager of this store, is an old experienced business man, having done business in St. Louis and Kansas before coming to Pinckneyville. He was for thirteen years in St. Louis in the produce commission business, but for the last three years until settling in Pinckneyville, was travelling. He has been established here with his son, Mr. W. A. Biby, only some ten months but in that time has built up a fine trade. His store is 18x55, with a wareroom in the rear and the stock carried will amount to \$2,000. Three employees are engaged. In coal oil and gasoline, Mr. Biby is a wholesale dealer, buying these supplies in car-load lots and supplying the other stores and the country around as his is the only supply house of the kind here. He is a native of Du Quoin, a member of the Modern Woodmen and of the I. O. O. F. Mr. Biby will undoubtedly build up a large trade on his knowledge of his business and the successful methods which he employs. His son, Mr. W. A. Biby, in whose name the business is conducted, is a native of Pinckneyville and a member of the Modern Woodmen and a young man of business promise.

**WIRTS & PEYTON, Painless Dental Parlors.**—This firm of experienced dentists associated themselves together a year ago after practicing separately for different periods before that and since the formation of their partnership they have had reason to be well satisfied with the change they have made, business having greatly increased with them and their combined services and appliances enabling them to serve customers with much less delay and greater satisfaction. Their practice has been exceedingly good the past year and is increasing. This firm make a specialty of painless extraction of teeth, using both local and general anaesthetics, with a special preparation known as "Obtundine" which is a local anesthetic. They do the finest work in crown and bridge operations



and some of the specimens of their work are most beautiful. Mr. Emmer Peyton is a graduate of the Louisville Dental College, a native of the city and has made many friends since in practice here. Mr. S. H. Wirts is an old practitioner and has been in practice about 25 years. He is registered in this state and began practice at Nashville in Sept. 1867 and has been in this part of the state ever since. He is a native of Michigan, a Mason and a member of the Knights of Pythias. The firm often visit Coudersville, Marissa, Steelville, Nashville and Chester on professional tours.

**HENRY L. EATON, Justice of the Peace and Public Administrator of Perry County.**—Justice Eaton is a prominent man in the affairs of Pinckneyville. This is his second term as Justice, his first term dating back to 1889. He was elected under the banner of the Democrats and is both a good Democrat and a good Justice. His jurisdiction takes in the whole of Perry County and it is good evidence of the fairness and justice of his administration that he was elected for a second term. He is a popular man officially and unofficially, and has been made President of the Board of Education and a member of the Board of Health. He finds time among his manifold duties to act as Secretary of the Marissa Building and Loan Association, who have erected or advanced loans on over 100 houses in Pinckneyville. Justice Eaton was born and raised within six miles of the town, is a member of the Baptist church. He is made agent of the Building & Loan Association to act for them also in the placing of loans and the matter is left solely to his judgment and recommendation. The Association is one of the most prosperous in the country. He is a man of deep religious convictions and his actions are always governed from that high plain.

**M. G. WOLFF, Optician, Watchmaker and Jeweler.**—Among the younger business men of Pinckneyville who are building up a steady business, we take pleasure in mentioning Mr. M. G. Wolff, who is a skilled optician and watchmaker. He has been in business three years and a half and carries a stock estimated at from \$2500 to \$3000 of watches, clocks, jewelry, spectacles and silverware. His stock is nicely displayed and he employs an assistant and reports a good business, with an extra amount of repairing. He is inspector of the watches of the engineers and conductors of the railroad. In the line of watches he has had a movement made with his name on the front and back especially to order, which is a high grade movement adjusted for railroad uses and will be guaranteed in all respects. Mr. Wolff is a native of Evansville, Illinois and is a young man of business ability and energy and is building up a good business by reliable goods and courteous treatment of customers.

**GEO. F. MEAD, Physician & Surgeon.**—Dr. Mead is a regular physician, a graduate of the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons and thoroughly educated in a scientific and business course in the colleges at St. Vincennes and Cape Girardeau. He has been in active practice three years and it has been quite large, especially outside of the city. He



has made diseases of the throat and lungs a special study and has met with such success that he has established an institution here for the cure of the alcoholic habit and has treated a large number of patients with entire success. He has termed his special treatment of these unfortunates, the Bichromate Liquor Cure. He is a modern and model physician and surgeon and turns his investigations in the line of recent advancements and discoveries. He has also charge as physician of the County Hospital in Pinckneyville. He is a native of Carbondale, a Mason, a member of the K. of P. and a member of the Southern Illinois Medical Association and of the Perry County Medical Association.

**COMMERCIAL HOTEL, Formerly Sullivan House.**—J. L. Williams, Prop.—The Commercial Hotel is an old reliable house, established for the last 40 years, for the last four years in the charge of Mr. Williams. It has sixteen rooms and a fine sample room. Three girls are employed and the details of the hotel are carefully looked after. The house has been refitted and refurbished throughout and affords every accommodation for the travelling public. The bus meets all trains and is always on time. The rates are \$1.50 per day. To show the enterprise back of this favorite house, it may be stated that there is a company partially organized to build a new hotel on the site of the present structure, to cost about \$15,000, for which plans are already drawn and it will be a brick structure of

about 40 rooms and be a first-class hotel in every respect and have every improvement, water, electric light, etc. Mr. Williams is a native of the county, an Odd Fellow and a Mason and extremely popular with the traveling public and is now Mayor of the city. He also owns a livery stable with ten horses for hire and good vehicles; he

bought the property when he took the stable two years ago. Mr. Williams is a pushing, energetic man and don't sleep on his opportunities. He gives life to his business and to the hotel and is a man marked for success in any department he gives his energies to.

## JONESBORO.

Jonesboro, Union County's judicial seat, occupies a position a little to the South of its geographical centre; it is located on the Mobile & Ohio Ry., 116 miles from St. Louis, 36 miles north of Cairo and lies about one mile west of Anna. It has a beautiful situation of considerable altitude, among the rolling hills which lie between the Mississippi and Ohio rivers.

The county is generally rich and fertile, in many places thickly wooded, the timber being more or less commercially valuable and the land seems to be specially adapted to the raising of trees and small fruits, vegetables, potatoes and corn.

It enjoys an excellent and salubrious climate, in the bottoms perhaps a little given to malaria, but cold winds and indeed the roughness of all storms are tempered and largely divested of their injurious possibilities by the many sheltering bluffs interspersed throughout its area. Its location between the two great water-ways insures it plenty of moisture and the land gets a full share of whatever rain is going in this part of the state.

The act creating Union County was passed on the 2nd of January 1818, but during the six preceding years a considerable settlement had been going on in the district. About the time the county was organized, two itinerant preachers, of antagonistic sects but working for a common end, had been holding a series of union revival meetings in which the people were manifesting a keen interest and it is from that circumstance that the name of the county is derived. Its seal bears, or at least did till quite recently, the device of two men, in the homely garb affected by the circuit-riders of early times, yielding to one another the right hand of fellowship. Jonesboro was at once selected as the county seat and its history as a community dates from that time.

The town besides the court house depends on agriculture for support. There is a flour mill, elevator, box factory, machine shops. Grain, corn, potatos, cattle, hogs, wool, fruits and vegetables, also flour and building stone are shipped. Fruit raising seems to be the most profitable business in the county and truck farming is also being more and more followed.

A canning factory is wanted badly in Union County. This year car loads of tomatoes went to rot because the railroad could not carry them away.

There are three churches in Jonesboro, Baptist, Lutheran and Methodist, all with a goodly following. The Lutheran church has the most architectural pretensions, while the Baptists holds the palm in point of age—one of its peal of bells bears inscription that Caleb Frick donated it in 1848.

The public school has recently been remodelled, painted and furnished.

Union County Fair, or as it is familiarly called the Re-Union, is an old institution. The Fair Grounds in the higher part of the city are well laid out.

There is a good little speed-ring but no particular attempt is made to encourage racing as a leading feature of the Fair. The management and patrons look on it more in the light of a re-union of old settlers and their families and prefer to maintain it on the lines of an old fashioned country show of live stock, farm and garden products and so on. It is usually a financial success notwithstanding its extended reputation as a rain-producer.

The physical aspect of the town is in keeping with the character of its inhabitants and a general air of quiet thrifty living pervades the atmosphere.

There are no very noticeable public improvements, but the streets and sidewalks are kept in first-class order and buildings generally are in good condition.

The railroad enters the town at the base of two thickly wooded hills, on the westward of which the chief part of the city nestles among some fine old trees; there are many naturally desirable building sites which have been largely taken advantage of and numbers of beautiful houses engage the visitor's attention.

The business portion of the city is ranged on the sides of a hollow square, which is minus its usual occupant, for the Court House, a substantial stone building with a respectable look of age about it, enjoys a location of almost solitary magnificence towards the northern end of the town. It forms a nucleus around which some building is now commencing and here doubtless eventually will spring up an important section of the city.

Jonesboro has a good bank (private), a weekly newspaper, one of the time honored pioneers of the Egyptian press, a good hotel and enjoys all needed electric lighting facilities for municipal and domestic purposes which are efficiently supplied from the neighboring city, Anna.

Jonesboro is an attractive little town and none the less because of her unassuming ways; there is here nothing of the glitter of small communities which affect metropolitan customs and fashions, and the following words of rare old Ben Jonson are well descriptive of her:

"In small proportions we just beauties see,  
"And in short measures life may perfect be."

**JONESBORO ELEVATOR.** Breedlove Smith Prop. and John Hewes, Mgr.—For Jonesboro, a town located in one of the best grain producing districts of Southern Illinois and one which depends almost entirely upon the agricultural interests, a business such as that which is conducted by the Jonesboro Elevator is of the highest importance. Mr. Breedlove Smith, the proprietor, bought this elevator about thirteen years ago; it has a capacity of 60,000 bushels, and as the wheat is moved and shipped to a very large extent, it forms an outlet for the crops of this part of Union County. Five men are employed in the elevator, which is built after a standard pattern, equipped with a 30 h. p. engine capable of stirring up the grain at the rate of about four thousand bushels every hour. With these facilities and the conveniences enjoyed for unloading, a large amount of grain can be handled in very short time, involving the farmer in very little delay. The highest ruling market price is given and every bushel is paid for in spot cash. Mr. Smith, who is a resident of New Orleans, has several elevators at various railroad points, his business interests in the aggregate assuming very large proportions; his name is synonymous with probity and mercantile integrity. The active management of the Jonesboro Elevator falls on the shoulders of Mr. John Hewes, a gentleman of long experience as a buyer and reliable judge of wheat and other grains. To his careful supervision and straightforward dealing this elevator owes much of its popularity.

**F. P. GREAR,** Staple and Fancy Groceries, Provisions, Country Produce, &c.—Among the leading retail interests of this busy little town none are better entitled to mention than the business of which Mr. F. P. Grear is the proprietor. The business was established four years ago and during that comparatively short period has worked up a splendid connection. The demands of the trade keep three persons busily employed, Mr. F. P. Grear himself exercising an active supervision over the daily transactions. Mr. Grear is known as an active enterprising merchant, who does his share in fostering the growth of the town. He is a musician of a high order and is leader of the justly celebrated Jonesboro Band.

**CITY DRUG STORE,** Thos. Rixleben, Druggist.—Few of the retail business interests of Jonesboro enjoy a more active trade than that of the City Drug Store, of which Mr. Thomas Rixleben is proprietor. Besides dealing in the usual lines to be found in all first-class pharmacies, such as pure drugs and chemicals, standard proprietary medicines and patent remedies, fancy sundries and toilet articles, perfumery, stationery and so on, this store carries a full line of church and school supplies, paints, oils, cigars and tobacco and a general file of the leading daily newspapers. Mr. Rixleben is a registered pharmacist of long experience and gives personal attention to the compounding of medicines and the filling of physician's prescriptions. He is an energetic business man and devoted to the best interests of the town; to his efforts much of the success of the Agricultural Society, of which he is Secretary, must be ascribed. Every season he bears the burden of the management of the Union County Fair, one of the most prosperous institutions of its kind in Southern Illinois, which this year celebrated its fortieth birthday. Mr. R. is a director in the Jonesboro Building and Loan Association.

#### C. H. WILLIFORD,

Dealer in FURNITURE, UNDERTAKER'S GOODS and SUPPLIES, Etc.

East Side Public Square.

JONESBORO ILL.

**ALVAN COOK,** Stoves & Tinware. Post Master.—Among the active business men of Jonesboro must be mentioned Mr. Alvan Cook. Mr. Cook is a dealer in Stoves and stove furnishings, tinware etc. and has also a department in which orders for roofing, guttering and all kinds of repairs and job work receive attention, Mr. Cook himself being a practically experienced workman. He has been established in this line of business since 1872 and has always enjoyed a good connection throughout Union County. In June 1892, he was appointed Post Master and has justified his selection by the splendid state of efficiency into which he has brought the office. Mr. Cook was born in Jackson, Missouri, but has been resident of Jonesboro since 1866. He is one of the charter members and a Director of the Jonesboro Building & Loan Association; for some time he was chairman of the Democratic Central Committee of this County.

**J. H. & ED. SAMSON,** Real Estate, M. & O. R. R. Lands, Abstracts, Metropolitan Accident Ins. Co.—Outside of professional and public life, we find in this thriving little town men of character and worth. Among these special mention is due the firm of J. H. & Ed. Samson. The business had its inception thirty years ago by the senior partner J. H. Samson. His son Mr. Ed. Samson was admitted to partnership two years ago and the business has proved a decided success. Dealing in real estate, mainly in the interest of the M. & O. R. R. Co. is a special feature. Furnishing abstracts and making plats, administering estates and surveying also. J. H. Samson's long residence and familiarity with the conditions of realty in Union County has placed him in the position of an authority on all matters appertaining to real estate transfers and his files are absolutely reliable reference. He

has platted many additions to Jonesboro. This firm is considered the best authority upon the subject of real estate in Union County. The senior of the firm has been a resident off and on since 1846. He is a native of Vermont and in the early western movement rode on horseback from Ohio to Illinois. During the war he was station agent at Anna and rendered valuable service in forwarding Union troops to the front. He has held positions of honor and trust, having been County Treasurer one year by appointment and was Superintendent of the schools eight years; also Deputy Sheriff, Deputy County Clerk, etc. His son and associate Ed. Samson is a young man of promise. He is a native of Anna and is thoroughly conversant with every detail of the business. This firm is an important factor in the promotion of county affairs.

#### JEWELER.

#### JOHN GREAR,

Dealer in

FINE WATCHES, CLOCKS AND CHAINS.

Special Repair Department.

JONESBORO, ILL.

**J. E. BRADDY,** Proprietor Excelsior Saloon, Dealer in Fine Wines, Liquors and Cigars. Agent for Excelsior Beer.—This popular resort was established seven years ago by Mr. J. E. Braddy, whose long experience in the liquor trade has made him familiar with the requirements of the large demand made upon him in this city and vicinity. Mr. Braddy, was formerly connected with the tobacco business and he was an extensive ice dealer. He is wholesale agent for the celebrated Excelsior Beer Company's product and is recognized as the representative of the best brands of wines and liquors in



Union County. Socially he is identified with the I. O. O. F. and the Knights and Ladies of Honor. He has been a resident of Jonesboro for eighteen years and is well known in this part of Southern Illinois. He was born and raised in Alexander County Illinois and since his advent in the city he has always taken an active part in the promotion of Jonesboro's growth and prosperity and his career in business and social life has been marked with care and honorable methods in his relations with individuals and the public at large. He is a hall fellow well met and a kind friend to the deserving.

**"THE GAZETTE," A. S. Tibbets, Editor and Publisher.**—The Jonesboro Gazette was founded in 1849 by one Jno. Evans and later for 26 years was conducted by T. F. Bouton who was a prominent man politically and many years an influential member of the democratic state central committee. Mr. Tibbets was associated with Mr. Bouton on the paper since 1872 and last year bought it from him. The paper is an 8 column folio, all home print, issued weekly with a bona fide circulation of 1200. There are few points in Union County where

it is not a welcome visitor, for even those who politically belong to the other side are glad to have it as a clean honest newspaper and a reliable medium for business purposes. Mr. Tibbets, who has lived in Jonesboro the greater part of his life, is a practical printer, as well as an able editor and knows the newspaper business from the ground up; he faithfully adheres to the traditions of the paper, which has always been strongly democratic and is himself an active democrat, a member of the precinct committee.

## ANNA.

Anna is one of the "hustling" towns of Southern Illinois, everything in and around it denotes progress and push and energy on the part of its citizens. Through all the dull times Anna has steadily and rapidly increased its material welfare and her people have allowed no opportunity of advancement to escape them. She has in the last five years nearly doubled the value of her improved real property and still new houses and stores keep going up and are rented as soon as finished. She has attracted towards her a great deal of country trade which might be said to belong to her rivals and most of the new life begotten by the augmented status and growth of the great fruit industry of this section has centered around Anna and comes to Anna to sell and ship.

The town is located on the main railroad line running from north to south in the State of Illinois and a quick shipment of fruit can be made to the northern cities, in her case principally Chicago and St. Paul, where the fruit so to speak is delivered in fine condition "out of season." It is 36 miles north of Cairo and one mile east of Jonesboro, the seat of the county's justice.

The county (Union) was erected Jan. 2nd, 1818 and white settlement dates from about six years before that.

In 1853 Winstead Davie and Lewis Ashley owned the land on which Anna stands. In 1854 the plat of the town was entered on the county records and was named in honor of Mrs. Davie. In the following year a town government of five trustees was chosen and Aug. 10th they held their first meeting. Their first act was the framing of a temperance ordinance which prohibited the sale and use of liquor as a beverage in this the town limits. Thus was she born a temperance community of the strictest type and has ever so continued.

The country around Anna we have already spoken of in our sketch of the county seat, Jonesboro. Wheat and corn land about six miles from town is held at from \$40 to \$60 an acre; close to town land is held at \$150 to \$200 an acre and it is nothing out of the way for fruit land to net \$250 in the season.

In Union County besides grain, cattle and hogs, mules and sheep are largely raised.

In fruits attention is given chiefly to apples, blackberries, cherries, cantaloupes, rhubarb, pie plant and strawberries.

In vegetables, asparagus, beans, cucumbers, peas, spinach, sweet potatoes, tomatoes and winter onions. An average of 20 cars of fruit and vegetables are, during the season, shipped daily, consigned mostly to Chicago and St. Paul.

The attention of farmers has this year been turned to broom corn and has proven more profitable than Indian corn or sorghum. Its seed is found to be of much value as feed for poultry and sheep and ground with other grain for cattle, which will pay the cost of culture and the tops which go to the broom factory are clear profit.

Buliding stone, kaolin, limestone, porcelain clay, silicate rock and sand stone are all found in the vicinity of Anna. A company has recently been organized in town to develop a lithographic stone find.

Anna has as industries, two flour mills, feed mill,

three fruit box factories, barrel factory, electric plant, broom factory, lime kilns, pottery, two brick yards, machine repair shops, steam laundry and three printing offices.

The population is 4200.

The Anna Fruit Growers' Association is organized on a capital of \$10,000 and handles \$150,000 worth of fruit each season; they have a large warehouse with all conveniences, situated on the railroad south of the depot.

Anna has churches as follows. The Catholics erected their edifice in 1856 and it was burned down June 13th, 1883. Two months later a new one was commenced and duly completed. There are about 100 members and 25 school children. The M. E. church was organized in 1856 their present building dedicated in March 1894; it has 200 members and 105 school children. The Missionary Baptist was organized in 1859; the present frame building was built in 1865 and enlarged in 1876; the membership at present is 247 and Sunday school children 200. A Reformed church was also founded in 1859 and put up a building in 1873, but now no services are held, the community having disorganized. The Presbyterians organized here in 1866 with 17 charter members; there are now 120; Sunday school 171; their edifice was erected in 1868. The Mt. Moriah Evangelical church was organized some time between 1868 and 1871 and the building was dedicated Aug. 11, 1878. It was afterwards enlarged and repaired and reopened May 9th, 1886. It has 68 members and 100 school children. The Episcopallians organized in 1882 and the beautiful stone structure they occupy was opened for service May 9th, 1886. It has some 59 odd members. The Christians have held services since 1869, but a proper organization was only completed Sept. 26th 1883 with 84 members; they have as yet no edifice of their own. The Primitive Baptists organized in 1893, with 22 members and have purchased the old M. E. church building. The First Congregational was organized Feb. 23rd, 1890; their brick edifice was dedicated Jan. 10th, 1892; the membership is 85 and Sunday school 115. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union was organized in 1878 and numbers 30 paying members. The first and oldest bell in Anna hangs today in the belfry of the M. E. church; it was donated to it in 1861.

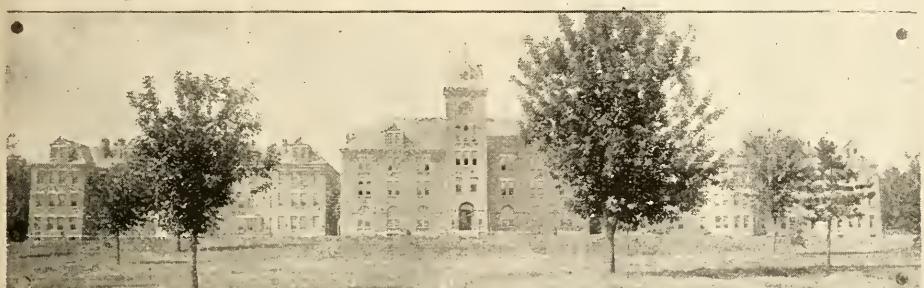
Anna has been growing at such a rate that her schools have become too small for the children the average attendance being 478 against an enrollment of 603; this is mostly caused by the insufficient accommodation and the too small number of teachers. Union Academy situated about half way on the Jonesboro road is under Presbyterian management and last year numbered 72 scholars. The late Mr. Davie, has bequeathed them his homestead which adjoins the present academy building.

The Opera House built in 1893 at a cost of \$25,000 seats 700 persons; its stage is 30x50 and it is lit by electricity.

Anna's annual Fair is generally regarded as the most popular one held in "Egypt." Notwithstanding the proverbial dull times it was this year a greater success than ever. There were over 1700 entries in the various departments. The atten-



MAIN STREET FROM RAILROAD



ANNEX, ILLINOIS SOUTHERN HOSPITAL FOR INSANE.



MAIN BUILDINGS ILLINOIS SOUTHERN HOSPITAL FOR INSANE.

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dance averaged 6000 a day and \$2900 was cleared over expenses.

The Illinois Southern Hospital for the Insane is one and a half miles east of Anna; it has 500 acres of ground including a farm of 200 acres from which everything is raised for the consumption of the institution and all the farm work is done by the patients; the grounds were laid out by a professional landscape gardener and there are none more beautiful in Chicago, that city of gardens itself. The main building has 600 inmates, the Annex 300 and the Consumptive Cottage 20. Besides 175 employees, the annual pay roll is \$50,000 and total expenditure \$100,000. By comparison of last published balance sheets it showed this cost of maintenance to be the lowest per capita of any state institution, the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy coming next and four dollars average per inmate above the asylum average. It has its own steam heating plant, electric lights and water works (from springs and an artesian well 1000 feet deep), church, theatre, billiard hall, dances and all kinds of outdoor exercise and athletics.

**CHAS. L. OTRICH,** Banker.—For twenty years Dr. Otrich has been the prominent pharmacist of the town and is still proprietor of one drug store and joint owner of another. In 1892 he founded the City Bank of Anna as a private enterprise, which has contributed very materially already to the commercial progress of the town. Besides doing a regular banking business the bank has safe deposit vaults, which has attracted the patronage of a large number of customers from all parts of the county as well as among the business men of the city. There is a large fire-proof vault which is absolutely burglar proof. Steel safes are provided inside the vault which are rented by the year at charges varying according to the size of the safe; the lessees of these have exclusive control of the key, thus insuring complete privacy and safety. Mr. Otrich deals also in real estate, farm lands and city properties and owns important interests in this city, one of which is the Otrich Hotel and Hotel Block, as well as at Creal Springs and at Alexandria in Pulaski County. Dr. Otrich belongs by birth to this city and has throughout his whole career been identified with her best interests; he has rendered efficient service as a member of the Board of Education and also of the City Council. He is Second Vice-President and one of the Directors of the Southern Illinois Fair Association.

**C. NORDLING & SON,** The Anna Electric Light Plant.—There is no truer gauge of the basis upon which a city rests than her claim for an advanced stage of development than in the character and number of her specialty enterprises. Perhaps in number alone Anna might come a little short but in the character of such enterprises she stands easily among the first in the cities of Southern Illinois. None are more indicative of progress than the Anna Electric Light Plant of which C. Nordling & Son are the sole proprietors. This plant was established six years ago and has been three years in hands of the present firm; it is equipped with the Edison Direct Illuminating System and has a hundred horse power Skinner engine driving two dynamos, one a Royal Alternator of 900 Incandescent light capacity, the other, an Edison, capacity 300 lights. At present they have about a thirteen mile circuit and are operating 733 lights in this city and 150 in the neighboring town of Jonesboro; the street lights are 32 and 50 candle power, while those furnished to buildings are the usual 16 power lamps. It is intended to increase the capacity of the plant in the early spring putting in an arc light dynamo and a power transmission plant; the firm have obtained a franchise for an electric street railway to be operated from the Asylum to Jonesboro and on the principal streets of this city. The senior member of the firm, Mr. C. Nordling, does not take an active part in the management, being engaged as well in important mercantile interests; Mr. C. V. Nordling, his son, is the manager, and being an expert electrician he is well able to bear the burden which devolves upon him.

**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, OF ANNA, ILLINOIS, H. P. Tuthill, Cash'r.**—The First National Bank of Anna is an institution which lends itself in every way to the up-building of local interests, by

extending accommodation; fostering enterprise, whether public or private. The Bank was established in 1872 by the late Mr. C. M. Willard and conducted by him as a private institution until 1890, when the business was re-organized under the national banking laws. Mr. Willard was the first President of the bank and since his death the officers and directors have been re-elected as follows: President, R. Johnson; Vice-President, J. H. Mitchell; Cashier, H. P. Tuthill; Teller, John C. Nordling; Directors, R. Johnson, J. H. Mitchell, H. P. Tuthill, W. Grear, E. S. Alden, Dr. S. C. Martin, of Anna, Ill., and A. Lewis, of Cairo, Ill. The capital is \$50,000, with a surplus and undivided profit of \$9800.

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#### RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....	\$118,318 16
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	1,807 20
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	12,500 50
U. S. Bonds on hand.....	300 00
Stocks, securities, etc.....	100 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	1,439 60
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents).....	3,133 70
Due from State banks and bankers.....	32 29
Due from approved reserve agents.....	83,542 69
Checks and other cash items.....	3,548 98
Notes of other National Banks	500 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.....	40 03

#### LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:

Specie.....	\$10,977 85
Legal-tender notes .....	12,000 00

Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent, of circulation).....	562 50
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Total.....	\$238,803 09
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#### LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund.....	2,915 77
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	2,418 63
National Bank notes outstanding.....	11,250 00
Dividends unpaid.....	850 00
Individual deposits subject to check.....	170,234 35
Demand certificates of deposit.....	1,164 34

Total.....	\$238,803 09
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The Cashier, Mr. Tuthill, has been a resident of Anna since 1867 and connected with the bank since its inception; his courteous disposition and business ability render him a valuable official to this important institution.

**JAMES DeWITT,** Farming Implements, Wagons, Carriages, Buggies, Etc.—This is the oldest establishment of the kind in the city; for twenty-five years it has been in the hands of Mr. James DeWitt as sole proprietor. The premises are located on West Railroad street and bestdes being of considerable extent are arranged with every convenience, for the proper handling of a business of this nature. Mr. DeWitt deals in farming implements, harness, wagons, carriages, buggies, farm and agricultural machinery of all kinds, pumps, well supplies, iron pipe, gas fittings, etc. He makes farm and berry wagons and light carriages to order, besides having a machine repair shop and blacksmith shop. In these various departments, Mr. DeWitt employs eight men. He is a native of Union County, and fully does his part in fostering Anna's general prosperity and business development and is widely esteemed throughout the district. He was formerly associated with Mr. W. W. Stokes in the business, a gentleman who is well and favorably recognized in business circles.

**HIRAM GREEN,** Manufacturer of Bricks.—Among the various forms of industrial activity in this thriving little city, we must notice, as occupying a position of considerable note, the brickyard which Hiram Green has owned and operated for the last sixteen years. The property extends to some six or seven acres and includes some large beds of good clay. The plant is the usual one for a hand-made brick, furnished with ample clay and drying sheds and kilns of a capacity of from 150,000 to 240,000 bricks. The total number of men employed is from six to eight and the average daily output is 5,000 which however will be increased shortly as it

is the intention to manufacture hand re-pressed brick, of a superior quality at an early date. Mr. Green is a native of Ohio but has been resident here since 1872. He is a man of wide experience in brick manufacture and knows how to turn out an article which will not only be marketable but which will stand the test of time and use. The bricks from this yard have an excellent quality and durability and all the other requisites of a first class common brick; they have been used freely in many large buildings in this section of the country, the Consumptives Building at the asylum for instance. Personally Mr. Green is held in high esteem as a man of enterprise and energy, who does his full share in promoting the commercial growth and the general welfare of his adopted home.

P. C. WILLOUGHBY & CO., House Furnishing Goods, Furniture, Ranges, Stoves and Tinware; Odd Fellows' Temple Block, Main Street.—This business was established by Mr. Willoughby six years ago and carried on by him until a few months back when Mr. Robert Carlile was admitted to partnership. They are located in very extensive premises, the main store being 42x100 ft. area; in this may be seen an endless assortment of furniture of all descriptions and attention should be directed to the particularly choice variety in parlor and chamber suites. In the line of stoves and ranges the house carries all the best makes and have a complete stock of agate and granite ironware and the finest iron hollow-ware found anywhere in the country. It is Mr. Willoughby's boast that at their

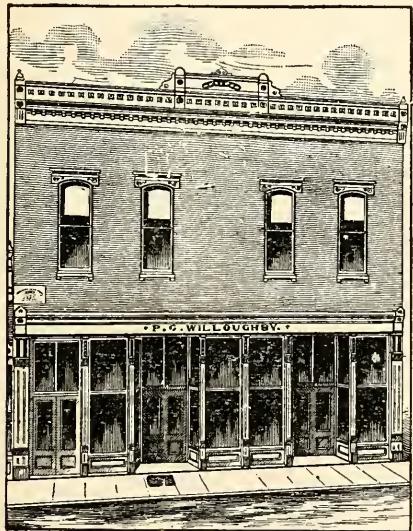
area. It provides plenty of storage accommodation, dry and well ventilated with the conditions of temperature etc. under convenient control. Underneath the building is a spacious cellar, to be used for the storage of sweet potatoes, to which branch they devote special attention. They have facilities for advantageous disposition of all consignments, whether large or small. The bulk of their shipments go to the northern markets and are handled chiefly by the order trade. Mr. Corlis has been a resident in Anna upwards of twenty years. The firm are members of the Fruit Shippers Association. They deal also in hay and grain. Mr. Kirkpatrick deals at wholesale and retail in the celebrated Mount Carbon coal, supplying it in all sizes for domestic use, steam and forge service. He is thoroughly equipped for the business and controls a very large local and suburban patronage. Mr. Kirkpatrick has been a resident thirty five years and connected with express seventeen years.

FINCH & SHICK, Manufacturers of Lime and Dealers in Cement, Stucco, Hair and Coal.—This business, now being carried on by the firm of Finch & Shick of the second generation, was established in 1855 by the late Messrs. E. H. Finch and Cyrus Shick; it came into the hands of the present owners Mr. Ed. A. Finch and Mr. T. M. Shick, two years ago. The principal feature of the concern is manufacturing and dealing in lime; they also deal to a large extent in domestic and imported cement, stucco, hair and coal. The lime kilns, three in number, are located about half a mile east of the town, where the firm own an extensive quarry of what the State Geological Survey classes as "a crystalline and partly oolitic light gray limestone nearly a pure carbonate of lime in its composition." The kilns turn out daily in the neighborhood of two hundred and fifty barrels of pure white lime, in addition to which Messrs. Finch & Shick operate a macadam crusher, having a daily capacity of fifty tons, employing altogether a regular force of some twenty-five men. The property embraces about one hundred and fifty acres in area, upon which they have established a dairy farm with a big herd of thoroughbred shorthorn cattle. With indefatigable energy and careful attention to the various branches of their business the younger firm fully maintain the valuable connections established under the former administration and have moreover been able to extend the scope of their operations into wider spheres of usefulness. Their products form by far the largest factor in the shipments from this point and exercise a very material influence in turning the balance of trade in favor of this city.

ENTERPRISE DRUG STORE, H. F. Bussey Proprietor, West Railroad Street, South.—The Enterprise Drug Store, which is now located in handsome new quarters upon Railroad street, was established in 1873 under a co-partnership, but was until quite recently and since 1877 in the hands of Mr. C. K. Parks as sole proprietor. Mr. H. F. Bussey obtained control of the business Oct. 9th of the present year. He has materially increased the efficiency of the pharmacy and bids fair to achieve a gratifying success. In these days of department stores and a complexity of business interests under one roof it is not only a change, but also an undoubted recommendation to find a pharmacy which confines itself purely to its own proper business. There is certainly no line in which the public have a deeper interest in being well and intelligently served, and this they are more likely to attain when they place their wants in the hands of a pharmacist who devotes himself entirely to the drug business. Mr. Bussey, who has been connected with the drug business of this city for the past 17 years, is a registered pharmacist of wide experience and in the compounding of prescriptions and the management of this most important professional avocation he is especially adapted, and enjoys the benefits of long training in the accuracy and skill which have become natural to him. He enjoys an extensive connection with the full confidence of the physicians as well as the laity of the district. Mr. Bussey also enjoys the distinction of being Postmaster of the City of Anna, receiving his appointment from Mr. Cleveland in March, 1894.

store they can fit out a young couple for housekeeping more completely and for less money than any other house in Southern Illinois. Trade, however, is not confined to the young housekeepers by any means and Willoughby & Co enjoy a connection which extends into every part of the community, and the brisk demand requires the service of three salesmen. Both members of the firm belong to this town by adoption, Mr. Willoughby 28 years and Mr. Carlile 33 years. They enjoy a wide acquaintance throughout the district in which they are held in high esteem as enterprising, prosperous merchants and progressive citizens. Mr. Willoughby is a prominent Odd Fellow, one of the School Trustees and a Director of the Southern Illinois Fair Association.

W. N. CORLIS & CO., Fruit Brokers.—The business carried on by the firm of W. N. Corlis & Co. naturally occupies an important position in this great fruit country; the co-partnership is formed by W. N. Corlis and C. E. Kirkpatrick, the former taking the active management. Recently the firm put up a very handsome three-story building, 50x80 in



**EAVES & MILLER,** General Merchandise, No 1, Union Block.—One of the best known general stores in this thriving little city is that of Eaves and Miller, No. 1, Union Block. The business was established many years ago under the style of Eaves & Goodman, which firm was dissolved in 1855, when Mr. Goodman dropped out and Mr. T. T. Miller joined Mr. M. V. Eaves in the present co-partnership. They do an extensive business in dry goods, furnishings, notions, staple and fancy groceries and provisions, carry a splendid stock of boots and shoes, handling the lines of the leading manufacturers and make quite a specialty of custom work. Both principals give the business their personal attention and a very active trade is enjoyed which keeps three salesmen busily engaged. Mr. Eaves and Mr. Miller are both natives of Union County, belong indeed to the city of Anna, and are thoroughly identified with the best local interests. Mr. Eaves is Mayor of the city, Township School Treasurer, Secretary of the Southern Illinois Fair Association and Treasurer of the Illinois Southern Hospital for the Insane. The store is one of the best in the city; their patronage is in keeping with the establishment and the firm takes a high place in the mercantile ranks of the community.

**WM. BRUCHHAUSER,** Proprietor of The Anna Roller Mills. These mills have been in operation twenty-five years; they came into the hands of the present proprietor, nine years ago and were at once overhauled and refurnished according to modern requirements. The old system of burrs was discarded, excepting one run, retained for corn meal and the full roller process equipment was substituted. Everything in the way of machinery is now first-class, including an engine of 40 h. p. and the mill's daily capacity has been raised to sixty barrels. There is storage capacity for three thousand bushels of wheat, for which Mr. Bruchhauser pays the highest ruling cash price and the warehouse has accommodation for two hundred barrels of flour. The brands by which this mill is best known of late years are "White Cream" and "Patent Pearl." Shipments are made to all local points but chiefly to the southern markets and to Mississippi in particular. Mr. Bruchhauser, is a son of the Fatherland, where he first learned the miller's trade; he became a resident of this country in 1867. For some years he operated a mill near Waterloo, Ill., then went to St. Louis and worked in the Saxony Mills and more recently was located at Red Bud and subsequently after engaging in various milling enterprises came to Anna, where he has many appreciative business and social friends, who recognize him as a man of enterprise and progressive ideas.

**G. MATTHEIS & CO.,** General Merchandise.—One of the leading stores dealing in general merchandise in this prosperous little city is that of Messrs. G. Mattheis & Co. The firm, which comprises Mr. G. Mattheis and his cousin, Mr. F. Mattheis, has been established and doing business in Anna for a little over five years; for six years previous to that Mr. Mattheis was engaged in a similar line in the neighboring town of Jonesboro. They are located in commodious and convenient premises upon Main street where they carry at all times a complete and well-assorted stock in every department; the principal lines are dress goods, muslins, table linens, hosiery, furnishings, blankets, boots, shoes, hats and caps, ribbons, laces, embroideries and notions, as well as staple and fancy groceries and provisions. Both partners give their attention to the business and employ a regular force of three efficient and polite salesmen, whose time is fully occupied attending to the demands of a busy custom. The principals are natives of Edwards County but since taking up residence in Anna have fully identified themselves with local interests; they are held in general esteem as among the most progressive and enterprising of our younger merchants. Mr. G. Mattheis is a member of the City Council.

**J. SPIRE & SON,** The Decorators, House and Sign Painters; Dealers in Wall Paper, Curtains, Pictures and Frames, Glass, Putty, Paints, Oils and Varnishes.—This is an old established business dating originally from 1855; the present firm was inaugurated twelve years ago and consists of Mr. J. Spire and his son, Mr. George L. Spire. The business is

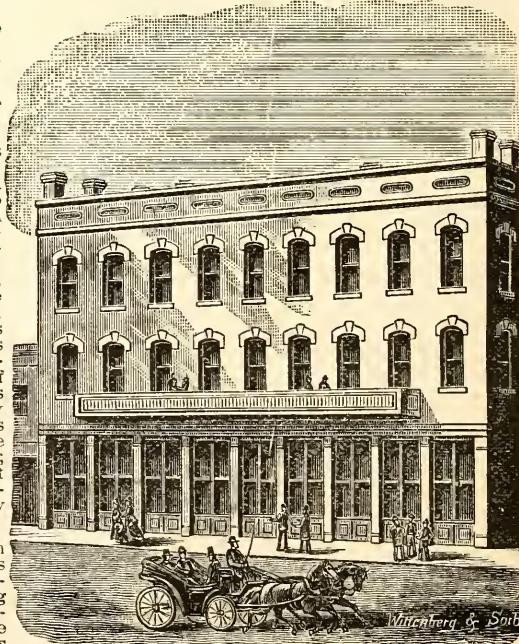
located in handsome premises in the Odd Fellow's Block. The rooms are arranged to provide for a heavy stock and, being splendidly lighted, afford every facility for its proper display. They do a large business in the way of painting and paper-hanging, employing a regular force of ten men. They have carried out many important contracts in this vicinity and have just finished the work upon the new Consumptive Patients Cottage at the State Insane Asylum. Mr. Spire is a native of Holland; he came to this country when he was twelve years of age and was for some time resident in New York. Since locating in Anna he has identified himself with the best interests of the town, was Mayor two separate terms and has for several years been President of the Board of Education, resigning last winter. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Southern Hospital for the Insane. Mr. George L. Spire is at present City Treasurer and by his business ability and systematic methods discharges the duties of his office with great acceptance to the community; he is also President of the Southern Illinois Fair Association.

J. W. WILLIFORD,

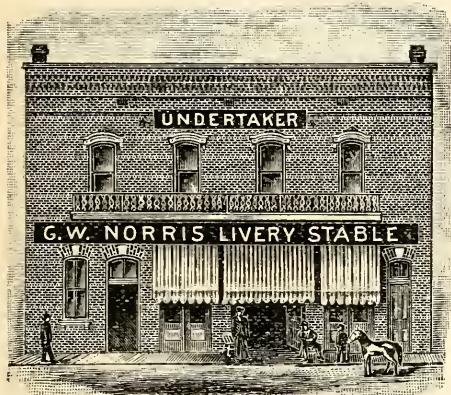
Dealer in  
FURNITURE, COFFINS, UNDERTAKER'S  
GOODS, ETC.

City Hall Block.

**OTRICH HOUSE,** E. M. Jones Prop.—There are not many hotels in this part of the state which are better prepared to provide for the comfort of its guests in every way than the Otrich House at Anna, of which Mr. E. M. Jones is the present proprietor. It is supplied with all modern conveniences, including electric lights in every room. Mr. Jones is an experienced hotel man and caterer from Du Quoin, Ill. and came to Anna about two months ago. Under his careful management the house seems to have acquired a new hold upon popular favor and one who has once been one of Mr. Jones' guests, will always stay with him whenever within reach.



**ECLIPSE LIVERY STABLE.**—Among the prominent business establishments of the town, the Eclipse Stable, of which Mr. George W. Norris is proprietor, requires some mention. Mr. Norris has been carrying on a livery business for over twenty years and four years ago added an undertaking department. The premises which the business now occupies were erected in 1892 and form one of the most complete establishments of the kind in this part of the state. The stable is 100x50 feet area and has stalls for thirty-five head, with loose-boxes and other accommodations; the upper part of the two story building is devoted to undertaking and in its appointments presents an altogether metropolitan appearance. Mr. Norris carries a full line of undertaker's supplies. He is himself an experienced embalmer, holding a dip-

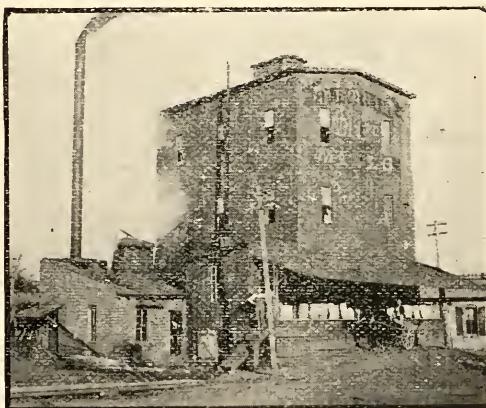


loma from the Oriental School of Embalming of St. Louis. George W. Norris was born in the Highlands of Scotland, but was brought to this country at an early age and has passed most of his life in Union County. He lives in the city and rents his farm, which is about a mile south of town. Mr. Norris is well-known as a breeder of Shetland ponies and has a good herd of thoroughbreds, all registered stock; "General Logan," a splendid little fellow is the master of the harem. Mr. Norris is one of the Directors of the Southern Illinois Fair Association and for many years was its President, he is also an active member of the G. A. R., having seen service during the Civil War as a sergeant in the 14th Illinois Cavalry.

**TERPINITZ MUSIC & JEWELRY STORE.** West Main Street.—The music and jewelry store of which Mr. J. E. Terpinitz is proprietor is one of the most high-class establishments of its kind in this section of the state. The business, which has had an active existence of over twenty years, is now located in splendid new quarters on West Main Street. It is so well lighted that all the goods can be displayed to best advantage and it is under such acoustic conditions as to offer the proper opportunities for trying the various musical instruments. Mr. Terpinitz deals in pianos, organs, guitars, mandolins, violins and other instruments, music books, sheet music and musical merchandise in general and has the agency for the well known makers of organs and pianos, Messrs. Mason & Hamlin. In the jewelry branch of the establishment the stock is equally complete—clocks, watches, gold and silver jewelry, silverware, precious stones, etc. Mr. Terpinitz is a jeweler and watchmaker by trade and musician by natural gifts, assisted of course by tuition and practice. Mr. Terpinitz by his progressive methods has made his house very popular. For several terms he rendered efficient public service as a member of the City Council. Mr. Terpinitz is a graduate of the Conservatory of Music in Prague Bohemia and a Viennese by birth and education.

**WARREN T. BROWN, Brick Manufacturer.**—This business was formerly owned and operated by the firm of D. W. Brown & Son but since January of this year has been in the hands of Mr. Warren T. Brown individually. The premises extend about an acre and a half—there is a large bed of good clay and a complete plant of clay-sheds, dry-sheds, moulding machine, kilns, etc., for the manufacture of a soft mud pressed brick. Five men are employed steadily for the season, which lasts about ten months in the year, during which time the yard turns out 350,000 brick. The Masonic Hall and the City Hall were built with this brick. Mr. Brown is a comparatively young man, but, having been raised in a brick-yard, he knows how to make good brick and how to run a yard economically and is thus prepared to compete with all-comers in both quality and price. He is also proprietor of an extensive sand-bank west of the town a few miles and lessee of the principal banks in the vicinity and controls the sand trade here. The city of Anna was named after his grandmother, Mrs. Anna Davie. Mr. Brown contemplates the introduction of the repress brick process and the manufacture of a high grade brick for fronts. He will also add to the business, quarrying a superior quality of blue and gray stone.

**PHOENIX ROLLER MILLS, G. W. Williford, Lessor.**—The most important feature of industrial activity in this agricultural centre is of course the manufacture of flour. The Phoenix Roller Mills, which are the property of the Anna Milling Company, but operated under lease by Mr. G. W. Williford, have long had the reputation of turning out an article of very high quality and have contributed in no little degree to the town's development and prosperity. The Mill is equipped with the full roller process and has a capacity of seventy-five barrels daily; the G. T. Smith system is used and the machinery is driven by an engine of 40 h. p.



Mr. Williford pays the highest cash price for wheat, for which he has storage for some 3500 bushels; only the finest brands of flour are manufactured of which shipments are largely made in car-lots to the southern trade. Mr. Williford is an experienced miller and an excellent judge of wheat and knows how to obtain the best results from his grist and the most efficient work out of the machinery. Under his enterprising management the mill will continue to hold its prominent position among those interests with which the town's business growth is most intimately associated.

**W. H. WILLARD, General Merchandise.** Railroad Street.—The business which is carried on by Mr. W. H. Willard is one of the oldest retail interests of the town; it was established here in 1856 previous to which time for twelve years, it had been conducted upon similar lines in the neighboring town of Jonesboro. A complete stock of the

lines carried by every first class general merchandise store, will be found here at all times, staple and fancy groceries and provisions, dry goods, furnishings, notions, hats, caps, etc., and Mr. Willard makes a special feature of ladies and gentlemen's fine foot wear. As an old established and popular business house an active thriving trade is naturally enjoyed and the custom is drawn from all parts of the surrounding district; the proprietor gives it his personal attention and employs as assistants two competent salesmen. He is a Director of the Southern Illinois Fair Association. He was the founder and promoter of the Union Academy of Anna, one of the model educational institutions of Southern Illinois, conducted under the auspices of the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies.

**ANNA LUMBER AND MANUFACTURING CO.** Walter Grear, Sec'y and Treas.—The Anna Lumber and Manufacturing Company was incorporated in 1890, for the purpose of carrying on the business previously conducted by the late Charles M. Willard. The capital stock is \$10,000 and the officers are as follows: President, J. H. Mitchell, fruit grower, Vice-President, E. S. Alden, Secretary of Alden Store Company and Secretary and Treasurer, Walter Grear, upon whom rests the active management of the business. The company has three yards, the main one being at the corner of Asylum avenue and Chestnut street; they deal in all kinds of lumber—framing timbers, flooring, siding, finishing lumber, ceiling, lath, shingles, mouldings, brackets, blocks, casings, base materials, etc., etc. From four to six men are employed in the business and the company's wagons deliver to any part of Anna or Jonesboro. Mr. Grear, the secretary and general manager, is known as a man of energy and ability and directs his best efforts to the upbuilding of the company's business; he is a Director of the First National Bank and a member of the City Council.

**J. E. LUFKIN & SON, Grocers.**—This is the oldest and the leading house in the grocery line in Anna and was established in 1868 by the senior member when Anna was but a hamlet. It is the first exclusive grocery of the city and has gone on from year to year steadily increasing its trade and has always been considered a bulwark of Anna's financial honor and material advancement. The products of every clime are to be found upon its shelves and the firm spare no pains to obtain the best goods grown and manufactured for table use. Five assistants and two wagons are employed to fill orders and waiting on the ever coming and going crowd of customers. The firm also supply the town with ice and have a market garden in direct connection with the business.

**MILLER'S OPERA HOUSE.**—This dainty little theatre said by competent judges to be the most complete small theatre in the state, was opened to the public more than a year ago, by Caleb M. Miller who has every reason to feel gratified at the way the amusement loving public responded to his endeavor to furnish them with an attractive house such as would ensure the attention of first-class companies. The theatre was built at a cost of \$25,000 has seating accommodation for seven hundred persons. The stage is 30x50; 125 electric lights are distributed through the house and the acoustic properties leave nothing to be desired. Miller's Opera House is a permanent institution and is a credit to the city in every way; it was conceived in a public spirited manner and Mr. Miller spared neither time nor money to carry out his plans. Aside from this Mr. Miller owns an extensive fruit farm and takes an active interest in Horticulture in which he has been eminently successful.

**OPERA HOUSE DRUG STORE, O. O. OTRICH & CO., Prop'r's.**—An important change was recently effected, by which one of the leading retail interests of the town, the Opera House Drug Store passed into the hands of Mr. Oscar O. Otrich and his uncle Dr. C. L. Otrich, the banker, who now conduct the business under the style of O. O. Otrich & Co. The building in which the pharmacy is located has but recently been erected and the store is exceedingly handsome in all its appointments and equalled in but few and surpassed by no drug-store in Illinois. Mr. Oscar Otrich takes the

active charge of the business; with a competent assistant he gives his personal attention to the prescription department. He is well and favorably known in this community, not only in his professional capacity but as a man of standing in business and social circles.

**"UNION DEMOCRAT," Detrich Bros. & Co., Editors and Publishers.**—The "Union Democrat" was founded in 1890 as a straight Democratic paper and has since ever continued. The "Democrat" is a six-column quarto, all home print and has a circulation of eleven hundred, exclusive of exchanges; it is published every Thursday morning. The office is equipped with a large Cottrell & Babcock two roller improved press, an unusually fine press to find in the plant of a country newspaper; there is also a fast job press and a steam engine of four h. p. The working force numbers six persons. J. M. Detrich was born in Randolph County; for some years he was engaged in studying law and after entering journalism was connected with the Spartan Plaindealer and later edited a paper in Evans, Colorado. He has been a resident in Anna for fifteen years, during part of which time he acted as business manager of the Southern Illinois Hospital for the Insane. As an able editor and public spirited citizen Mr. Detrich enjoys the esteem of a large number of appreciative friends; he is an active political worker and takes a prominent part in the campaigns and has a record for rendering efficient service for his party.

**DR. W. C. LENCE, Supt. Illinois Southern Hospital for the Insane.**—Among representative members of the medical fraternity in the state, the name of Dr. W. C. Lence is naturally presented. Dr. Lence is one of the oldest practising physicians in Union County, having been located at Jonesboro, the county seat, for a long period of years. He was called in March, 1893, to be Superintendent of the Illinois Southern Hospital for the Insane. Since assuming this position Dr. Lence has demonstrated his peculiar fitness for the position, both in his professional capacity and as a business man; under his administration the average per capita cost of maintenance has been reduced to \$121.03, the lowest cost ever reached by any state institution. Dr. Lence is well-known throughout the country as having always identified himself with the best interests of the community; he was one of the original promoters and is an owner and director of the Bank of Jonesboro. As an active political worker, the Doctor has rendered splendid service to his party and is at present Chairman of the County Democratic Central Committee.

**THE ANNA BROOM FACTORY, A. C. Brown, Proprietor.**—An important addition was made to the business interests of this thriving city in August, 1894, when the Anna Broom Factory was inaugurated. Mr. A. C. Brown, the proprietor, is a broom manufacturer of many years' experience in Indiana (his native state), Illinois and Sacramento, California, where he had a very large factory. The factory gives employment to five persons and has a capacity of turning out sixty dozen brooms weekly; additional facilities are however contemplated which will enable them to turn out over 200 dozen brooms and brushes weekly. Special attention will be given to the fancy trade. Before this factory started there was no broom corn raised in this district but now raising broom corn is largely done as growers find a ready sale to Mr. Brown at good prices; the soil and climate have also been found conducive to raising good quality. Mr. Brown is energetic and enterprising and success is attending his well directed efforts.

**THOMAS C. LIPPARD, Contractor and Builder.**—The business which is carried on by Mr. Thomas C. Lippard was established upwards of fifteen years ago and has been located in the present well equipped premises on Asylum Avenue since 1887. The business embraces the general work of a contractor and builder, the manufacture of stair and porch work, cabinet work and preparation of plans of buildings upon a reliable and economic basis. Mr. Lippard is a thoroughly practical man and widely experienced in all branches of the business; he employs a regular force of five men which is largely added to at times for carrying out the large contracts taken on hand. The shop is equipped

with a steam engine of 8 h. p., and has all the necessary machinery and appliances for work upon an extensive scale. Among the more important contracts which Mr. Lippard has filled in more recent years we may mention the First Congregational Church, the Phoenix Mill, the Norris Livery Stable and the Rhodes Building.

**W. MASSKA, Harness and Saddlery.**—In the way of lighter manufacturing interests we must certainly mention the business carried on by Mr. W. Masska, practical harness maker and saddler. He has been conducting this business upon its present basis since 1889. Mr. Masska makes all kinds of light and heavy harness, plowgears, bridles, etc., etc., and gives careful attention to repairs of any description. Besides carrying a stock of goods of his own manufacture, he carries very complete lines of harness, saddles, bridles, blankets, nets, whips, collars and horse furnishing goods generally, from the best known factories of the United States. Mr. Masska is a Bohemian by birth but has been a resident in this county since he was a boy ten years of age; he has made his home in Anna for the past nine years, during which time he has gained many friends, both in a social and a business way. His goods have a splendid reputation for quality of both material and workmanship and durability, to which must be ascribed the thriving active business which he enjoys.

**W. H. GARRETT, Dealer in Hardware, Implements, Stoves, Lumber, Building Material Etc.**—This business was established a little over three years ago and in that comparatively short time

has taken a strong hold upon the trade in its special line. Mr. Garrett deals in hardware, stoves, lumber, shingles, lath, sash, doors and blinds, plows, pumps, implements and a complete line of fence wire. The premises occupied by the business are located on Railroad street, not far

from the Depot and close to the Post Office. They are well arranged to accommodate a heavy stock and have suitable warehouse facilities in the rear for the storage of builders' materials and lumber. Mr. Garrett was born in Middle Tennessee and came to Union County at the age of fourteen years and was engaged in farming close to Anna for some years. He enjoys the esteem of a wide circle and is regarded as one of Anna's most reliable merchants.

**ST. CHARLES HOTEL, Mrs. M. J. Inscore Proprietress.**—The St. Charles Hotel on the corner of Asylum avenue and Railroad street was opened to the public in July 1883 and in October of the present year an extension was effected by the occupation of an adjoining building. In dimensions the buildings cover an area 60x100 feet, two and three stories and afford accommodations for sixty guests. The house is conducted upon the American plan and it is, in all respects a most home like hostelry. Mrs. M. J. Inscore the genial hostess is a lady whose special adaptability to the business is so well understood that any lengthy comment upon the subject would be superfluous. But it is due to the high character of her house and her personal worth that we make these statements. Mrs. Inscore was the widow of the Hon. Matthew J. Inscore; whose death occurred five years ago. He was a prominent attorney of this city and was a Representative of the Fifth Senatorial District of Illinois, Mr. J. E.

N. Edwards a brother of Mrs. Inscore is a permanent guest of the house with his family and renders valuable aid to his sister in the management of the business. Mr. Edwards is an Attorney by profession having attained to his position under the tutorage of his brother-in-law. Mr. Edwards was born and raised in Pulaski County and has followed the profession of law in this city for the past five years. Mr. N. N. Curtain is the polite and efficient usher.

**:THE TALK," R. Lynn Minton, Managing Editor, Edgar A. Davie, Business Manager.**—“The Talk” was established by the firm of W. W. Faris & Co. and was at first conducted as a semi-religious publication; the first issue appeared on May 11th, 1883. In January, 1886, R. Lynn Minton became the proprietor and the paper was then placed upon a wholly secular basis, independent in politics. In October, 1891 The Talk Printing Co. was organized and under their present management the circulation has crept up to 1850, which according to Ayers Newspaper Directory, is the largest circulation of any paper in Southern Illinois excepting the



Edwardsville “Intelligencer.” “The Talk” is published every Friday morning. The equipment of the office comprises a steam engine of 3 h. p., newspaper press, power folder and one job press; the working force numbers five persons. The paper circulates chiefly in Union, Jackson and Pulaski Counties and maintains correspondents at many points throughout this district. A native of Carlinville, Mr. Minton received his preliminary education there afterward proceeding to the University of Blackburn from which he received the degree of M. A.; he at once turned his attention to journalism and shortly afterwards connected himself with this paper. “The Talk” is as fine a country newspaper property as there is and has always done its full share in promoting the interests of Anna.

**D. H. ATKINS, The Photographer.**—Mr. Atkins, who is known throughout an extensive district as “the Anna photographer,” came to Anna three years ago, having been previously in business in Kansas. The gallery is well fitted up with Dallmeyer Lenses, divided into three rooms, reception parlor, operating-room and workshop, in each of which the arrangements are planned for the comfort of his patrons and for convenience of operation. He is careful and painstaking whether in the gallery or on outside work and being a diligent student of the latest developments in photography produces finished results which are works of art instead of being mere photographs. As an instance of his progressive enterprise, Mr. Atkins has recently added to his equipment the latest electrical retouching machine. At the National Convention of the Photographers Association of America, in July 1894, he was awarded one of the American Aristo Company’s bronze medals for a collection of prints. He may well be called a “leader in fine work”; and it is but fair to add that it is executed at what a merchant would term “popular prices.” Mr. Atkins does a great deal of work in the way of copying and enlargements and makes a feature of stereoscopic views.



## MOUND CITY.

Those of our readers who have followed us thus far, in our descriptive account of the chief cities of Southern Illinois, must recognize that we have no desire to claim for any one of them the entire advantages possessed by this section of country as a whole. Our object is to direct the merchant and the manufacturer, the banker, investor, or home-seeker where he may find what he wants and to do so we endeavor, as simply and concisely as possible, to draw attention to such natural advantages of locality and resources as any city holds, the extent of work attempted and accomplished in the field of development and directly or by inferences, which the reader may draw for himself, point out the possible and probable results to be attained in the future.

We are not aware that there was any deliberate selection of the site upon which Mound City is located, as a point at which to build a city; it seems to have grown as a result of the advantages afforded by its location on the Ohio river, at a convenient point for the collection and distribution of the products of an extensive territory of bountiful resources.

The city was formally incorporated in 1812 and the results of its strong position are apparent in the place it now occupies as a rail and river transportation centre and the wonderfully large growth of its industries.

It is a terminal point of the Illinois Central and has eastern and northern through connections by means of the "Big Four" R. R. True, the connections afforded by the Central, between this point and the junction three miles distant at Mounds (Beechwood), are rather imperfect and the principal grounds on which they may be commended to public notice are as a curious eccentricity of railroad management in this century of rapid steam and electric transit, but this is a matter which is to be laid at the door of the railroad rather than ascribed as a reflection upon the city. There is a growing impatience on the part of the community, and a strong desire to secure better means of transport at an early date shall no doubt find the "fast mule express" replaced by a mode of transit more in keeping with the times. Mound City is 135 miles from St. Louis, 7 miles north of Cairo, 30 miles from Metropolis, a terminal of the St. Louis Alton & Terre Haute and 35 miles from Paducah, Ky., at the point where the Tennessee River discharges its waters into the Ohio.

Pulaski County, of which this is the judicial seat, was organized in 1843, named after the Polish patriot, Count Pulaski, whose memory is honored in this country for his distinguished services as an officer of Cavalry in the Revolutionary War.

The principal resources of the section are lumber and agriculture and may be said to be about evenly divided; much of the city's trade results from her collection and distribution of the products of the valuable timber country on the other side of the river, in which there is an unlimited supply of white oak, white and long leaf yellow pine, cypress, poplar, walnut and other valuable woods, most of which grow profusely in this country also.

This part of the country is in the same latitude as the heart of the Kentucky Blue Grass region and the climate is just as mild and pleasant; the soil presents such varieties as might be expected in a rolling country and there are many hundreds of acres of as rich black land as can be found, wonderfully fertile and capable of the highest yield.

General farming and stock-raising are engaged in to an almost equal extent and both are profitable.

Fruit culture is fast becoming one of the farmer's leading resources and is followed with particular success by the land-holders along the line of the Illinois Central. Close proximity to important

markets and fast connections with Chicago and the north, where there is an unlimited demand for small fruits and vegetables, gives every opportunity of profitable returns from these crops and the development already accomplished in this direction is bearing fruit and must materially benefit the agricultural interest.

The leading and, indeed, almost all the industries are located in Mound City, though there are some saw and planing mills, fruit package and box factories located at lesser points. The field of manufacturing has been thoroughly tested and it may be correctly stated that nothing has been touched that has not yielded good returns. The limits within which this article must be kept forbid any details of the various manufactures carried on; most of these will be found described in the special notices following; among the leading industries are a marine railway and stock-yard, several saw and planing mills, hoop and stave factories, furniture factory, slack barrel factories, one large concern manufacturing pumps and wood water elevators, machine shops, etc., and we might add that plans for a large flouring mill are now under consideration, the city having already granted a bonus for its erection and operation. We are not in a position to state the number of persons employed in the various establishments but the average weekly pay-roll, which goes into local circulation is in the neighborhood of \$9000. There are some splendid retail establishments but the mercantile interests, as a whole, do not strike the observer as being commensurate with the advancement of the city's industries; this is probably due to the proximity of the larger city of Cairo and a mistaken policy, which part of the community follow, of trading at points other than their own home.

It is only fair to state emphatically that this does not indicate any lack of enterprise or resource upon the part of local merchants, who, as a class of business men, are progressive and energetic in the highest degree; as it is, they enjoy a very fair trade and when the people generally learn that patronizing home enterprise is the way to ensure the city's prosperity, the revolution which will then set in will redound creditably to the business sagacity of these men and bring them a largely increased measure of success. The advantages which Mound City real estate offers are rather those which attract the investor in search of absolute security, either from present income or a steady and permanent advance in values than those which concern the speculator and as a rule it follows the same conservative lines which govern its trade and commerce. Prices have not been run up above actual values and advance has been the result of growth and remains permanent. Of late several important transactions have taken place, investments made by northern capitalists in particular and with these indications of a strong forward movement a general feeling of prosperity reigns throughout the real estate interest.

There is a State Bank, which is in a prosperous condition and whose funds are always in active service, productive of material good in the extension of trade; the local building and loan association is in a particularly flourishing condition.

The religious, educational and social advantages are pretty much the same as are found in all towns of like size in this southern section. The leading churches are Catholic (St. Mary's), Congregational (Pilgrim), Episcopal (St. Peter's) and Methodist Episcopal (Grace) and there are two excellent public, graded schools, one for white and one for colored children. The former was built at a cost of \$10,000 and has a staff of seven teachers and a principal and there are three teachers in the colored school.

The various fraternities are well represented; the Knights of Pythias are probably the strongest order, closely followed by the Odd Fellows, who have a nice hall of their own; a Masonic Lodge has just been instituted.

It is usual in an account of a county seat to give some description of the Court House, but this we cannot do in this instance as that building was recently burned down; the officers are located in one of the business blocks, which was conveniently adapted to their requirements and as the public officers find them sufficient and the people are just as efficiently served, there is probably no reason for the county hastening to incur the expense of a building. The last assessment gives the following values—lands \$552,135.00, lots \$164,026.00, personality \$218,349.00; the total taxation for all purposes is \$49,525.36, the total school tax \$21,875.79. The city's debt is comparatively light, \$18,500; it expended \$157,000 upon the four miles of levee which surround the town, all of which has been paid, but with this exception it owns no public improvements of any considerable value.

Private enterprise has formulated plans for supplying the city with water works and electric lighting facilities and the necessary preparations for the construction and erection of both plants is now under way.

The streets of the city are well laid out and well graded; the brick sidewalks, now being laid by property owners and the municipal authorities, are a handsome and very desirable improvement.

There are two weekly newspapers, one independent in politics, the other republican, a nice little Opera House opened last spring, one first-class hotel and several of a smaller order, well equipped livery stable, fire company and in short all the common facilities required by a go-ahead flourishing community, presently placed at about 2800 POPULATION.

There is no question but that Mound City is enjoying an era of prosperity and one which, moreover seems to be but in the beginning. As these lines are being written, work upon a new stave and hoop factory, which will employ over a hundred men, is nearing completion and an important manufacturing concern from the north is negotiating with a view to locating here also, attracted by the fullness of the timber supply and the splendid facilities afforded for receiving materials and the shipment of its manufactures. The fact that this city and surrounding country offer manufacturers in lumber and kindred lines of trade such opportunities as are afforded at no other point in the United States—abundance of raw material of the finest qualities, facilities unequalled for cheaply marketing the manufactured products.

**MOUND CITY STAVE COMPANY.** A. J. Dougherty, Supt.—The business carried on by the Mound City Stave Company, one of the prominent features of industrial activity in this section, was established at its present headquarters by Mr. A. G. Dougherty in 1870. His practical training and personal energy enabled him to carry it on with vigor and success and in 1877 the business had grown so much as to suggest the formation of a stock company. In that year therefore the Company was organized and incorporated, the active management of affairs remaining in Mr. Dougherty's hands; since then the resources of the establishment have been extended in various ways and the works in their mechanical efficiency are not surpassed by anything. The plant, comprising saw-mill, planing mill, engine and boiler houses, dry house, warehouses, sheds, office, etc. covers about two acres of ground and the premises where some fifty men are employed, present an animated and busy appearance. The main lines of manufacture are staves and heading for flour, lime and fruit barrels, about twenty thousand staves and twelve hundred sets of heading being turned out daily; the annual consumption of timber is from five to six thousand cords, most of which the Company get out themselves giving employment to an additional force of about fifty men in Pulaski County and along the River. As already indicated Mr. Dougherty takes the leading part in the conduct of the business, which from its large extent must need a very great deal of forethought and energy, but from the results that have been achieved it is readily seen that nothing has been

spared to develop all of its resources. He is one of the most progressive and public spirited of our citizens, and is now engaged in launching an enterprise to erect and operate an electric light plant in Mound City, for which he has already secured the franchise and is also formulating plans for the erection and operation of a large flour mill, an industry for which this location offers a splendid opportunity.

**G. J. MURPHY & CO.,** Dealers in Coal, Wood and Kindling, Lime, Cement, Etc. Steam Boat Agency.—One of the most prominent features of commercial activity in this progressive little city is the business carried on by the firm of G. J. Murphy & Co. which as a combination of various interests forms an enterprise of considerable proportions. They are dealers in coal, wood and kindling, feed of all kinds, building materials, lime, cement, brick and sand, also wagons, skiffs and oars. The business was established upon its present basis in 1889, the members of the firm being Mr. G. J. Murphy and Mr. F. A. Wilson; the office and principal warehouse is on East First street between Commercial avenue and Main Street, from which they have telegraphic connection to the railroad depots. Mr. G. J. Murphy was born in Missouri but has been resident in Mound City for twenty-five years and has gained for himself an enviable position of business prominence. He is a partner in the firm of E. A. Hayes & Co. general merchants and is a member of the City Council for the third term; for a number of years he was City Clerk. He is at present superintendent of the Mound City Stave Works. His associate, Mr. E. A. Wilson is acting agent for all the lines of steamers plying the Ohio River that stop at this point, which throws upon his shoulders a business of large extent. The principal lines are the St. Louis and Tennessee River Packet Co., Cincinnati, Memphis and New Orleans Packet Co., Paducah and Cairo Daily Packet Co. His office is located at the corner of Commercial avenue and East First street, one block from the Boat Landing. Mr. Wilson is a comparatively young man, but possessed of much business push and ability. He is painstaking in his efforts to please shippers and in every way efficiently subserves the interests of the lines he represents.

**E. P. EASTERDAY,** Notary Public, Abstractor of Titles and Real Estate Agent.—A title, to have any value, must be perfect and should a transfer of property necessitate the examination of the title, it is always wise policy to place the matter in the hands of reliable abstractors. Such is to be found in this city in the person of Mr. E. P. Easterday, resident partner of the firm of M. E. Easterday & Co. of Cairo and Mound City. The Cairo office has been conducted since 1879 and the Mound City branch was established in 1887, to deal with matters relating to Pulaski County. The firm are the compilers and owners of a complete set of abstracts of Alexander and Pulaski Counties, going back to the original government entries, about the year 1818. Their records are the only abstracts of Pulaski County in existence and are therefore of exceptional value. Mr. E. P. Easterday, who has charge of this Pulaski County business, is a comparatively young man, but as his whole attention through his career has been devoted to real estate matters, his knowledge and experience are equally extensive. He is regarded as an authority on land titles and an excellent judge of present and prospective values of real estate. Mr. Easterday is Police Magistrate, Notary Public and ex-officio Justice of Peace; he is a prominent member of the Odd Fellows Fraternity and having held all the offices is Past Noble Grand.

**T. M. FORD & CO., Dry Goods and Notions.**—An important retail business in Mound City is that which is conducted by Messrs. T. M. Ford & Co. of which firm Mr. Ford is the representative. The business has been established over two years, but in that comparatively short time has taken a leading place in its particular line of trade. In the store will be found a very complete stock of dry goods and notions; fine dress goods are a specialty and the lines of linens, silks, embroideries, ladies' furnishings, hosiery and fine foot wear offer exceptional opportunities and inducements. The store itself is a large double building and it takes

the joint efforts of the proprietor and two salesmen to keep up with the demands of trade. Mr. Ford was born in Tennessee and was formerly in the lumber business; he was for some years located in Kentucky and after coming to Mound City twelve years ago operated a saw-mill for nearly ten years. The new enterprise in which he engaged, met with a hearty success from the first, which is entirely due to his business ability and progressive ideas. He stands high in public esteem and renders efficient service to the community as a member of the City Council.

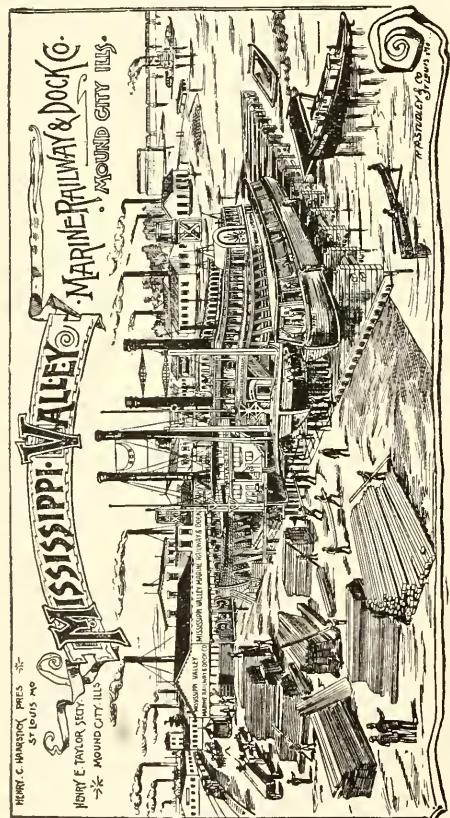
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY MARINE RAILWAY & DOCK CO.—Works at Mound City, Ill.—This business was founded many years ago as an individual enterprise, but its advanced stage of development dates from the time it passed into the hands of the present holders some twelve years ago; the success which has since attended it, can be best described by a presentation of its present status among the industries of Egypt. The yard is located on the Ohio River front, towards the south end of the city, within the corporation limits, covering an area of between eight and ten acres. The plant consists of several buildings, such as engine and boiler house, wood-working and machine shops and a large shed extending over the ways, which can accommodate between seven or eight ordinary sized vessels at one time. There are nine

being the repair of river steamers and barges and the building of new vessels. This is probably one of the best marine railways in existence; it was constructed at a time when the river trade was in its glory and was put down on a solid and permanent basis which cannot be duplicated in any plants built more recently. Henry C. Haarstick, of St. Louis, is President of the concern and Captain H. E. Taylor of Mound City is Secretary and Treasurer. Captain Taylor is a native of the Blue Grass State, born in Henderson; the entire management of the company's business falls upon his shoulders for which however he is particularly well qualified by an active river experience during almost a quarter of a century.

"THE REPUBLICAN," Richard M. Boren, Publisher, F. M. Collins, Editor.—Another feature tending to show the steady progress of this city towards metropolitan conditions is the establishment of a second newspaper—"The Republican." The publisher is Mr. Richard M. Boren, who came here from Dongola, where he published the "Dongola Independent," and he has associated with him, as editor, Mr. F. M. Collins another newspaper man of standing and experience. "The Republican," which is a seven column folio, made its bow to the public on the first day of September and appears every Saturday morning; it has gained a splendid start with a bona fide circulation of 750. From the amount of advertising in its columns it has evidently been adopted by the enterprising merchants of this city as a desirable medium for business purposes. The office is equipped with a Babcock country cylinder newspaper press, fast job press, plenty of new type and every facility for first-class job printing, in which line it has already secured a desirable patronage; the working staff numbers four persons. Altogether the new enterprise makes its debut under auspicious conditions. Mr. Boren and Mr. Collins are both thoroughly identified with Southern Illinois, the former is a native of Pulaski County, while the latter is a native of Alabama and served the Union cause from October 1st, 1861, in the 60th Illinois Veteran Volunteer Infantry, Company K, which made the memorable march to the Sea with Sherman. Captain Collins was mustered out of service August 10th, 1865. On October 9th, following he formed a co-partnership with Ilon, John F. McCartney and established the "Promulgator," at Metropolis, Ill., since which period he has been closely identified with the newspaper interests of this part of the state and bears the reputation of being among the most active journalists of Southern Illinois.

JOS. GATTINGER, Diamonds, Jewelry and Silverware.—An expert watchmaker and reliable dealer is Mr. Joseph Gattinger. He learned the trade of jeweler in Anna and for a period did business in Dongola, Ill. He located in this place some five years ago. In his store, which is directly opposite the National Hotel on Main street, he carries a very choice and highly diversified stock which he purchases direct from the manufacturers and is local agent for the popular goods of the Columbus Watch Company. Mr. Gattinger is an expert workman and can minister to all the diseases to which time-pieces of all descriptions are liable and can restore to perfect health and a prolonged life of usefulness. Indeed he devotes a great deal of attention to repairs, especially of watches and is very particular about executing orders in this department.

LOUIS BLUM.—The oldest business house in the town, in its particular line of trade is that of Mr. Louis Blum; business has been conducted at the present stand for twenty-five years and for a few years previous to that it was located in another part of the town. Mr. Blum deals in dry-goods, clothing and shoes and makes a special feature of tailor-made clothing. His established connections and ample resources enable him to buy his goods "just right" and it is not at all surprising that the house should enjoy so wide a reputation for the high-class quality of its wares as well as the lowness of its prices. Mr. Blum is of German birth but has been a resident in this country the greater part of his life and has always been regarded as one of the leading dealers of Mound City.



Inclined railways running to the bed of the river upon which vessels are hauled out for repairs at any time of the year, with immense chains forged specially to withstand the enormous strain to which they are daily subjected; the gearings by which they are operated have attached heavy cog and gear and screw worm machinery of extraordinary powers which indefinitely increase the lifting capacity of the 16x24 engine. Employment is given to one hundred and fifty men; the lines of the work

**FRANK R. CASEY,** Druggist.—One of the oldest known stores in this part of the county is that old established pharmacy, which for the last two years has been in the hands of the present owner Mr. Frank R. Casey. Conveniently located in a central part of the town it forms a prominent feature among the retail interests and receives a stream of custom from all parts of the neighborhood. The stock is very full and complete in all the main lines to be found in any first-class pharmacy and embraces a splendid assortment of pure drugs and chemicals, standard medicines and proprietary remedies, in addition to which are soaps, perfumes, brushes, jewelry, stationery, fancy goods, inks and cigars. Mr. Casey, who is a native of Mound City, is a registered pharmacist of long experience and indeed has been connected with the store of which he is now proprietor for twelve years. He employs a registered assistant who lends him efficient and competent help in the compounding of physicians' prescriptions, which department is kept open night and day. Mr. Casey stands in high esteem in the community and is regarded as an enterprising and reliable citizen. He is the Cashier of the local cabinet of the American Mutual Benefit Society, a national beneficial organization incorporated under the laws of Virginia.

**A. W. WILLIAMSON,** Sash, Blinds, Flooring Ceiling.—Among the industrial enterprises of this busy little city, the business carried on by Mr. A. W. Williamson occupies a conspicuous position. He is a manufacturer and dealer in sash, doors, blinds, flooring, ceiling, sliding, builder's hardware and nails and has a well equipped saw and planing mill plant in constant operation giving employment to fifteen men. The business was established in 1881 by the firm of Ford & Williamson and was at first located on the other side of the river, just opposite this city; it was moved to its present site on the Levee nine years ago. In 1891 Mr. Williamson purchased his partner's interest and has since carried it on as an individual and steadily increased his trade every year. Mr. Williamson was born in the northern part of the state and came from Chicago to Mound City in 1881; he has during his whole residence here been intimately associated with many movements for the public good and has done his full share in fostering the general business development. He is a Director of the First State Bank of Mound City, President of the Mound City Building and Loan Association and is at present serving his second term as Mayor.

**C. F. MEYER,** Manufacturer of White Oak Staves and Heading.—The stave factory, which is now owned and operated by Mr. C. F. Meyer, was established many years ago by his father, the late G. F. Meyer. In its large productive capacity it forms one of the leading industrial features of the city. The principal lines of manufacture are beer, half-barrel and keg staves, whiskey barrel staves, bucked and jointed ale hogshead and barrel staves, all with heading to match, and a special feature is made of white oak full dressed beer and half-barrel relatives. The factory is equipped with the best styles of machinery and labor-saving appliances and employs some seventy-five workmen. The annual consumption of timber, some of which is got out by Mr. Meyer's own lumber-gangs, is very large and the shipments of manufactured material amount to in the neighborhood of two hundred cars. Within easy reach of an abundance of first-class lumber, with cheap transportation to bring it to the door of their factory, with first class labor and machinery, Mound City staves can naturally enter into competition with anything in the trade; the premises are conveniently located in the city limits close to the Big Four and Illinois Central tracks, which carry their goods north, east, south and west.

**MOUND CITY FURNITURE CO.** Manufacturers of Imitation and Oak Furniture.—In a review showing the business growth and general material and social development of this section of the state, attention is properly directed to such concerns as this to whose energy and enterprise may be ascribed the vitality that has characterized the state's advancement. The Mound City Furniture Company was incorporated in 1883, with \$50,000 capital (four-fifths paid in) under the following officers:

President, C. F. Meyer, Secretary, R. C. Magill. In the factory proper they work about seventy-five men and in addition have lumber gangs employed the season through along the Ohio, Cumberland and Tennessee rivers; the principal lines of manufacture are oak and imitation furniture, suits, bureaus, wardrobes, tables, stands, safes, etc. The factory is located close to the intersection of the Big Four with the Illinois Central and comprises dry-houses and saw-mills, besides the furniture factory proper. The works consume two and a half million feet of lumber annually.

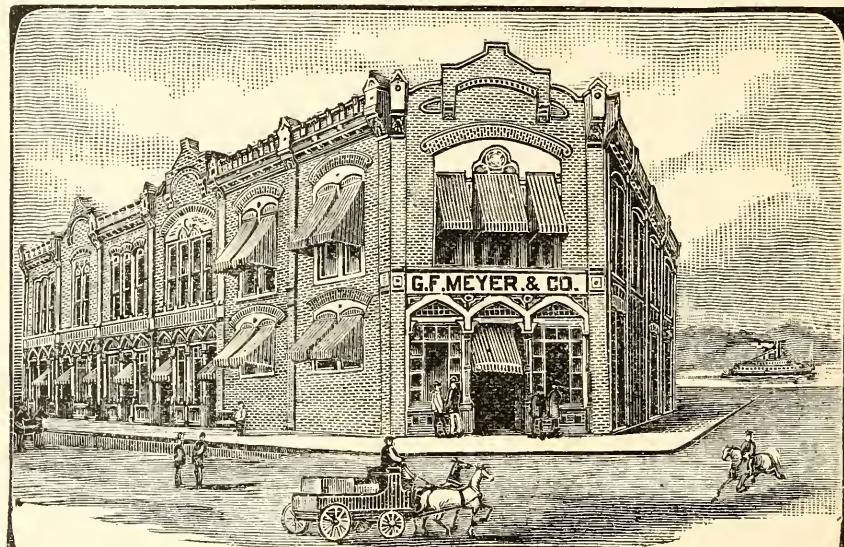
**W. T. FREEZE,** Lawyer.—Among the representatives of the professional interests in Mound City, a prominent place is occupied by Mr. W. T. Freeze admitted to the Illinois Bar by examination of the Appelate Court in 1881. For thirteen years he has been engaged in practice in this city. Although taking a keen interest in politics, he has never put himself forward for any office but believing with Bacon that the "greatest trust between man and man is the trust of giving counsel" has prepared to devote all his time and energies to his professional engagements. Our subject was born in Coffee County, Tennessee, December 1st 1844 and came here in 1848 with his parents who located in Union County three miles from Anna, Ill. He was raised on a farm; arriving at manhood's estate he engaged in fruit farming and was among the first who cultivated strawberries in this part of the state and made a success of the enterprise. From his 9th year up to this time he had received but limited educational training. In 1862 he enlisted in the 18th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Company H, and subsequently received the appointment of Hospital Steward in which capacity he served until the close of the war. He had prepared himself for the profession of civil engineer but owing to physical disability, the result of dysentery contracted in the service, he had to abandon the pursuit of that profession. For a period of eight years prior to entering upon the practice of law he engaged in mechanical occupations. In connection with his professional duties he is still a fruit grower and is the owner of a 240 acre fruit farm in Pulaski Co. He attended the Michigan University one term and in all respects he is a self made practical business and professional man and a public spirited citizen, whose success is well deserved.

**F. J. WEHRFRITZ,** Dealer in Groceries, Provisions, Hardware, Queensware, Tinware, Etc.—Among the retail interests of this place one that has acquired some prominence during the six years it has been established is the business carried on by Mr. F. J. Wehrfritz. This store is located on the main street in a central part of the town, occupying commodious premises, which are conveniently arranged to display a heavy stock of goods. With long experience in the business and ample resources, Mr. Wehrfritz is able to buy to the very best advantage and is thus able to offer his customers many inducements they cannot duplicate elsewhere; he gives the business his personal attention and two active salesmen find their time fully occupied in waiting on the demands of a large pushing trade. Born in Germany, Mr. Wehrfritz has been resident in the United States the greater part of his life and came to Mound City in 1865; he has ever taken a prominent part in promoting the best interests of this section and is regarded as an estimable and reliable citizen. He renders efficient public service as a member of the Board of Education and as one of the City Aldermen.

**W. A. STEED,** Tailor.—It pays to dress well. The man who presents a neat appearance will find that it helps him along towards success. A good tailoring establishment therefore always receives the cordial support of a community, as Mr. Steed has found out, although he only began business less than a year ago. He is a native of the northern part of the state, but was for some time in St. Louis, where he gained experience in merchant tailoring. Mr. Steed makes a specialty of fine dress and business suits and the quality of his work and careful attention to details have brought him many regular patrons. He carries a good selection of woolens, suitings and trimmings and rather enjoys seeing anyone compete with him on prices.

**G. F. MEYER & CO.**, Dealers in General Merchandise.—The visitor to Mound City will be struck with the business block situated at the south end of Main street, bearing upon its front the name of G. F. Meyer & Co., and upon a little enquiry he will find that the firm are fully in keeping with the building, occupying a position of great prominence in commercial circles. The business was established in 1858 by Mr. G. F. Meyer (deceased, 1888) and is now carried on by his son under the old style; every year has seen their transactions increase and the reputation of the house is so far above question that "they are Meyer's" is all the recommendation their goods require. The lines carried embrace staple and fancy groceries and provisions, dry goods, boots and shoes, harness and saddlery, hardware and stoves, each occupying a separate store, and in addition they deal in boat stores, paints, oils, building material, buggies and wagons. The building covers five lots and was erected in 1882 to replace the original store, an old frame building burned down in the big fire which wiped out the south end of the city in 1876. There is ample storage accommodation in the rear and a large new warehouse covered with galvanized steel

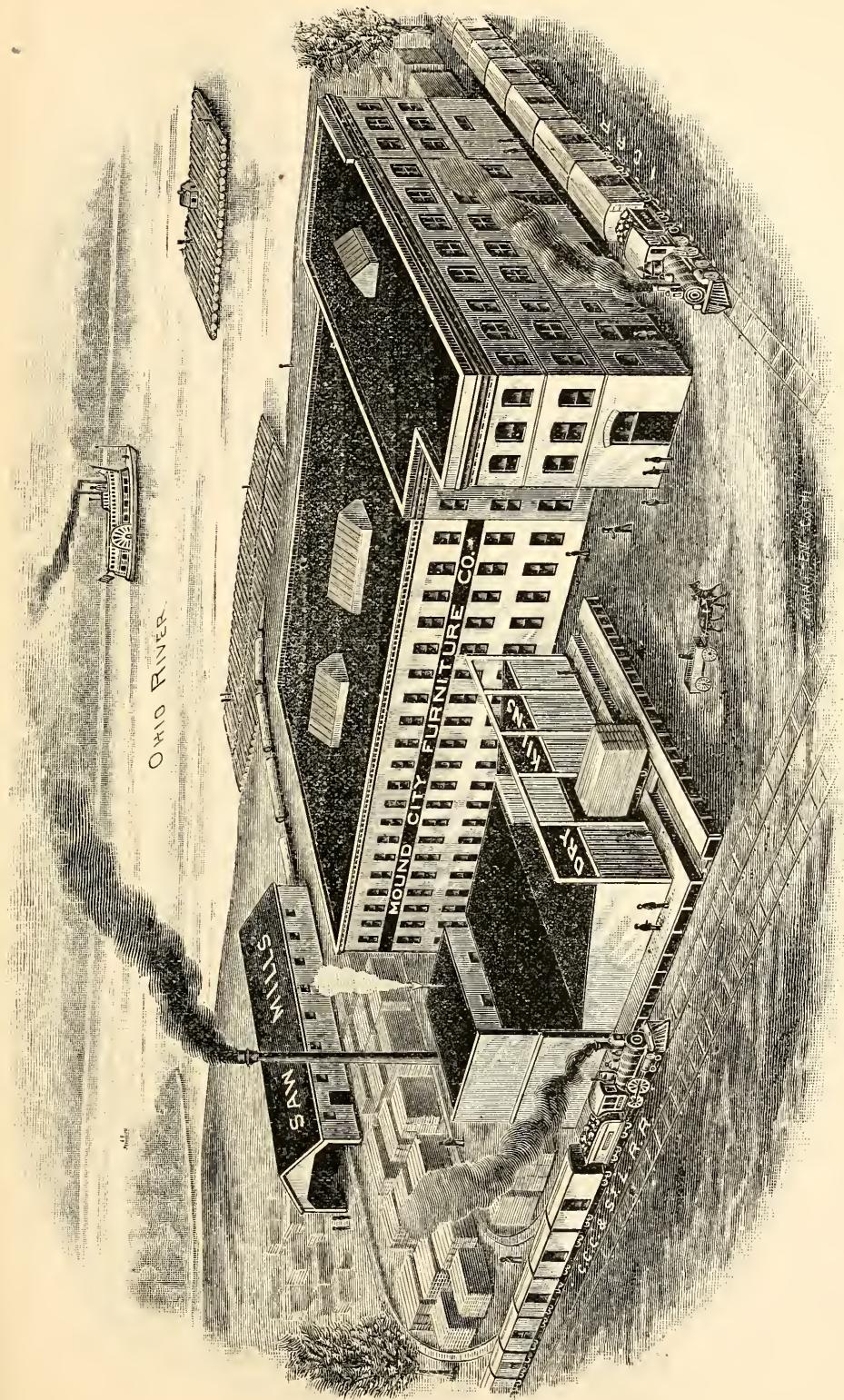
**THOS. BROWNER & SON.**—One of the oldest houses in Mound City in its particular line is the general store of Thos. Browner & Son. It was established twenty-one years ago and carried on individually by the senior partner Mr. Thomas Browner, until 1884 when his son, Mr. M. F. Browner, was admitted to partnership. The store is on Main Street, almost directly opposite the National Hotel. The lines carried embrace the usual features of a general store, special attention being given to groceries, hardware, queensware and stoves. As is natural with a business so long established the house has an extensive connection and its trade comes from all parts of Pulaski County. Mr. Thomas Browner was born in Ireland but has been resident on this side of the ocean the great part of his life and for thirty years has been a Mound Citizen. As a firm and individually they are regarded as among the most prominent of our enterprising men. Mr. M. F. Browner is City Clerk.



sheeting has just been erected across the street for the more bulky class of goods. Mr. C. F. Meyer, the head of this important concern is a pillar in the financial, industrial and mercantile interests of the city. He is President of the Mound City Furniture Company and owner of a large stove and heating factory. Under his management the firm of G. F. Meyer & Co. not only retains its old standing and established relations, but finds the scope of its operations being steadily developed.

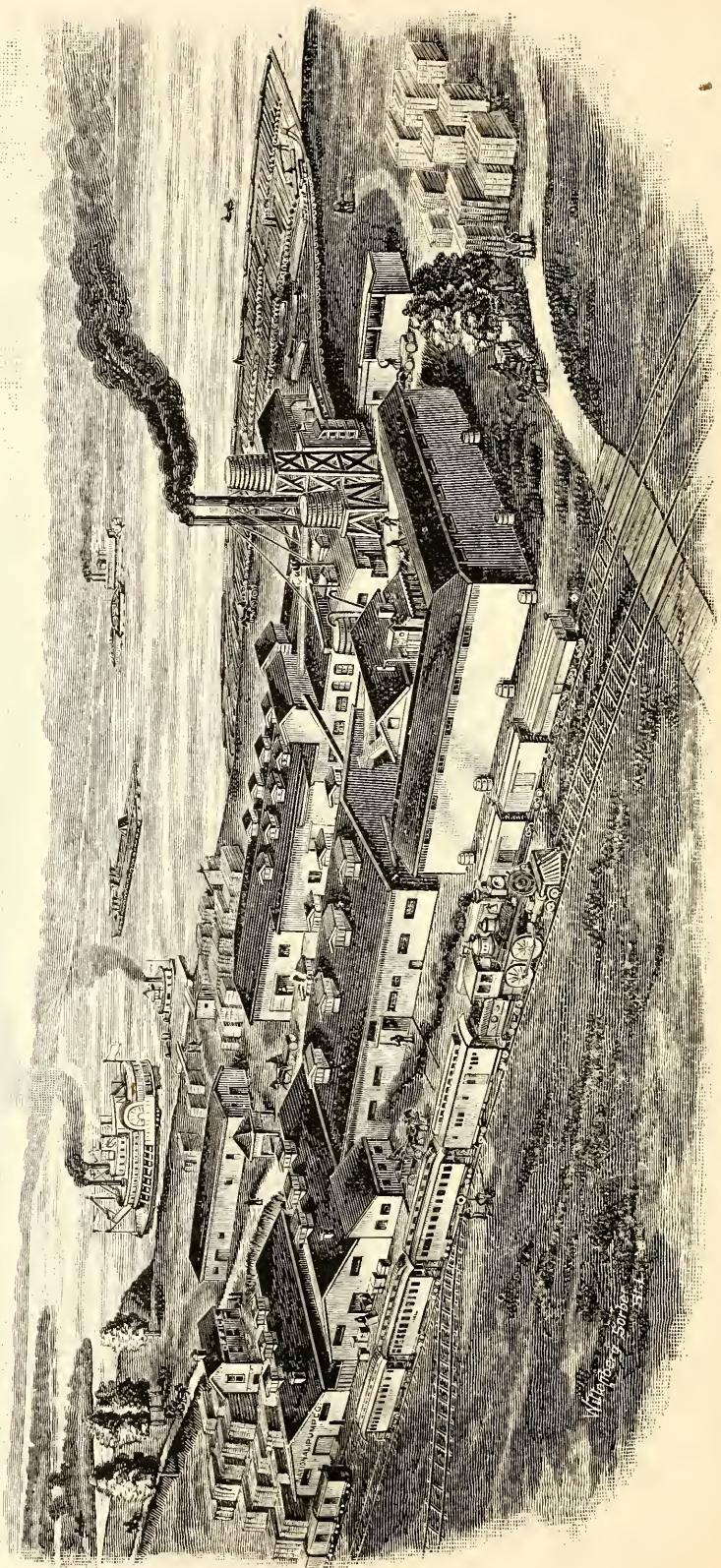
"**THE DAILY ENTERPRISE**," J. F. & W. F. Connell Editors and Publishers, was established Oct. 29, 1894. It is six column quarto, is issued every day except Sunday. Subscription forty cents a month. It is strictly non partisan, non sectarian and non factional and its columns will at all times be found consistently truthful and untrammeled.

**"PULASKI ENTERPRISE**, Official Paper, County and City.—The "Pulaski Enterprise," was established in 1892 by a stock company, with Mr. J. F. Connell at the head of affairs as publisher and managing editor. It is a weekly six-column quarto, patent inside, with a bona fide circulation of 1000. Mr. Connell who was born in Nashville, Tennessee was long a resident of Williamson County and began his newspaper career as publisher of the "Egyptian Press" at Marion; there he was 17 years and later connected himself with the Cairo press three years. Since his residence in Mound City he has devoted untiring energy to increasing his paper's popularity and that he has eminently succeeded is evidenced by its wide influence in the city and county.



MOUND CITY FURNITURE CO.'S WORKS AND C. F. MEYER STAVE FACTORY.

NATIONAL PUMP CO.



NATIONAL PUMP COMPANY, Manufacturers of Wood Pumps of Every Description.—Few enterprises have done more to enhance the good name of Mound City as a centre of pronounced industrial activity than that which is carried on by the National Pump Company. As manufacturers of wood pumps of all descriptions they have attained undisputed pre-eminence in their line and their goods are shipped to all parts of the Union, principally however to eastern, northern, northwestern and western states. It is quite impracticable in the limits at our disposal to give anything like a detailed account of this large concern, but briefly we will place before our readers some facts which will serve to indicate its extent and the influence it exerts upon the business growth and material advancement of Mound City. The works cover three acres, the plant comprising two saw-mills and the pump and chain curb factories proper each with their own engine and boilers aggregating in capacity nearly two hundred horse-power, dry-houses, paint shops, finishing rooms, shipping and warehouses, etc. The machinery, appliances and numerous labor-saving devices are of the most approved description and embrace every feature of mechanical efficiency known to the trade. Employment is given to over a hundred men, under competent experienced foremen in each department and the business as a whole is directed by the Superintendent, Mr. F. J. Kuny, who is local officer in charge. The company use nothing but the best Tennessee poplar in their manufacture, of which they consume some three million feet annually. The daily output is equal to one car load of pumps and pump material and chain curbs. They also manufacture the famous national water elevator, veranda columns and hose reels. Every part of the work, from cutting the logs in the depths of the Tennessee forests to the finished products, is done by their own men and machinery. The business, which is now operated as a branch of the N. O. Nelson Manufacturing Company whose general offices are in St. Louis, has been located in Mound City since 1887 and for five years previous to that was carried on at Hickman, Ky.; since being up here it has been greatly broadened in base and had its facilities developed and the scope of its operations has been consequently augmented. It constitutes a potential factor in the business growth of this place with the annual volume of its shipments and the amount of money it puts into local circulation and may justly be classed among those prominent enterprises that are fast building up this southern part of the state. While it is too large an institution to be dependent upon the efforts of any one man it is but fair to state that under Mr. Kuny's administration of its local affairs its prestige is fully sustained. He is a comparatively young man, born in Germany, but resident in this country since boyhood; he was first engaged in the plumber's supply trade, then connected with the N. O. Nelson Mfg. Company, in charge of factory estimates, from which he gained a very thorough knowledge of practical details. In him the company have a faithful representative and the works could certainly not have a more popular Superintendent.

# OLNEY.

Is situated on the imaginary northern boundary of Southern Illinois. She is surrounded on every side by immense forests and the soil in her vicinity is uniformly rich.

The first settlement recorded here was made by Elijah Nelson in 1820. The town was laid out in 1841, which year the first dwelling was erected. The city was named after Nathan Olney of the Lawrenceville Bank, but he never saw the town.

The B. & O. S. W., the P. D. & E. and the Chicago & Ohio Railways give the town plenty of communication with the outside world.

The following sects have places of worship; Catholick, M. E., Swedenborgian, Christian, Lutheran, Baptist, Presbyterian, German Reform, Episcopal and Congregational.

The following societies have lodges; A. F. & A. M., I. O. O. F., K. of P., Select K., I. O. M. A., K. & L. of H., M. W. of A., G. A. R., C. K. of A. and W. C. T. U.

The streets are prettily laid out and one mile is paved and as funds are obtained they are placed upon street improving.

Olney has a beautiful park of 120 acres.

The city is supplied with water from the Fox River about a mile west of town. It is pumped into a tower 110 feet high in the centre of town.

It has a good electric light plant.

About 1200 children attend the public school.

The population is placed at 5500.

Large beds of both coal and salt have been struck in and near town.

**FIRST NAT. BANK, OLNEY, ILL.**—Olney has in the First National Bank a corporation that she can pardonably feel proud of. The bank building, situated on the corner of Whittle Ave. and Main St., is one of the finest edifices in the city. The bank was established in 1866 and is still doing a thriving business in its elegant three-story home. The capital is \$50,000, the surplus is \$18,400 and the undivided profits are \$5,300. The bank's resources net the handsome total of \$330,000. The officers of the bank are: Aden Knopf, President; C. F. Foskett, Vice-President; R. N. Stotler, Cashier, and J. T. Ratcliff, Assistant Cashier. The directors are: John Wolf, Thos. Ratcliff, Daniel Gaffner, C. F. Foskett and Aden Knopf. The officers, directors and stock-holders are the foremost citizens of Olney and are men in whom the general public place confidence. The bank is ably managed in a safe, conservative manner by Messrs. Knopf, Stotler and Ratcliff, in whose custody money and paper can be safely placed. These gentlemen are progressive, wideawake business men and are reasonably conservative. Olney can consider the First National Bank to be, not only her corporation, but one of the solid banking houses in Southern Illinois.

**WM. FREDERICK BECK, Postmaster.**—The subject of our sketch entered the world on July 31, 1848 at Eblingen, Württemberg, Germany and came to America in 1852 when four years old. After landing the family at once proceeded to Circleville, O., where Mr. Geo. Beck engaged himself in shoe-making, his trade. The sojourn in Circleville lasted until 1855, when the family moved to Olney. In 1869 the head of the family died. Mrs. Beck whose maiden name was Barbara Streich, at present lives at Brazil, Ind. She is 63 years old. Mr. Beck, of whom we write, attended the public schools until he was eighteen years old and graduated from Finley and Nicholson's Commercial College. His years of schooling being ended he embarked in the grocery business, in which he continued for six years. He then formed a partnership with N. Kline and the firm operated a clothing house for seven years, when Mr. Beck purchased his partner's interest and conducted the business

alone three years. On April 14, 1882, he bought the Olney "Times," which has ever been a staunch watchman of democratic interests. Mr. Beck is still editor and proprietor of the paper. He is a member of the Democratic Press Association of Southern Illinois Press Association, of which he is at the present time President. In May, 1893 he officiated as delegate to the National Press Association at Chicago. He likewise belongs to the Illinois Press Association and is president of the Olney Press Club. For twenty years he acted as Secretary of the Richland Co. Agricultural Society. In 1870 his party acknowledged his merit by electing him Town Clerk; which he was ten years. In 1879 he became a County Commissioner and was made Chairman of the Board. During the same year he was appointed Master in Chancery, to which office he was re-appointed in 1885. For twenty years he has served with the County Central Committee and was Secretary nearly the entire time. In 1884 he was appointed Chairman of the Congressional Central Committee of the Sixteenth District and is still occupying the chair for that body. There has not been a Democratic State Convention in twenty years which Mr. Beck has not attended. In 1884 he was an alternate delegate to the National Democratic Convention and in 1888 served as a full delegate. He was elected State Central Committeeman for the Sixteenth District in 1892. Just now he is postmaster. Mr. Beck is connected with many fraternities and besides being a member, has at different times been presiding officer of: Olney Lodge No. 140, A. F. & A. M., Richland Chapter No. 38, R. A. M., Olney Council No. 55, R. & S. M., Gorin Commandery No. 14,—K. T., Salaam Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Olney Chapter No. 100, O. E. S.; and likewise he is a member of the following Chicago bodies: Van Rensselaer Grand Lodge of Perfection No. 140, Gourgas Chapter, Rose Croix 160; Chicago Princess of Jerusalem 180, Oriental Conistory, S. P. R. S. 320; also: St. Louis Flock, Nest No. 1, Order of Owls of St. Louis, P. C. of Marmon Lodge No. 52, K. of P.; Sir Knight Herald of Olney Division No. 55, Uniform Rank, K. of P.; P. M. W. of Olney Lodge 76, A. O. U. W., of which he is a charter member and elected as Grand Master Workman of Illinois in 1881; Olney Legion No. 18, S. K. A. and was Grand Commander of the Grand Legion S. K., of Ill. for two years; Past Consul of Olney Camp, M. W. A. and was State delegate to Head Camp at Omaha, Neb. in 1892, and Winnebago Tribe No. 31, I. O. R. M.

**JOHN BRAUER, Ice Dealer and Beer Agent, Representing Hack & Simon, Brewers, Vincennes, Ind.**—Of late years a new industry has afforded employment for many idlers. This industry is now becoming rather universal and in the manufacture of ice, Nature is fast being supplanted by the artifice of man. Olney would indeed be in a sad plight were it not for the great amount of crystal clear manufactured ice imported into here by John Brauer, the well known ice dealer and beer agent, who wholesales and retails ice and beer. There being no river at Olney the city depends solely on the large importations of artificial and natural ice by John Brauer. In addition to his monopolistic control of the ice trade of this vicinity, Mr. Brauer is local selling agent of Hack & Simon, the Vincennes Ind. brewers. Mr. Brauer supplies the "German fluid" in kegs and bottles in any quantity desired and is adequately able to supply the wants of Richland County and all adjoining counties. Mr. Brauer has conducted the business for the past four years. Being thoroughly conversant with the wants of the beer and ice trade, as well as being agreeable and accommodating, Mr. Brauer has a large concourse of customers.

**G. W. WAIT,** Jeweler and Watchmaker.—If you desire to purchase a costly gold watch, a pretty filled watch or a cheap silver watch for adornment and utility you should call on G. W. Wait. Also, if you require an attractive "friendship" ring, a handsome engagement ring or a "hoop of gold" for your future wife's wedding finger you should likewise call on G. W. Wait, for at his store you can buy precious stones, chains, charms, pins, watches and all kinds of rich jewelery. Mr. Wait has conducted the business for only a year and a half, but he already controls a large enough trade to make some of the older dealers jealous. Mr. Wait is a cultured gentleman and understands the minutest intricacies of his trade, for he worked in the American Waltham Watch Co. and National Watch Co. at Elgin. He has made for his show-window an escapement chronometer, this being the only large one ever made.

**C. HASLER,** Dealer in Harness and Saddlery.—Several years ago we saw an old "nigger" drive into town in such a conical rig as to evoke laughter and excitement. He sat in a rickety wagon and drove a "bony" black horse that could move along the street as rapidly as a snail. This horse was hitched to the shaft with clothes-lines, ropes and strings, while the "coon" beat the animal with a sapling. People of Olney had just reason to laugh at such an odd sight, when C. Hasler makes and sells all kinds of harness, saddlery and leather goods. Mr. Hasler occupies two floors in the handsome brick building at 522 Main Street. He manu-

factures all varieties of saddlery and is ably disposed to fill special orders. There can be no excuse for any one having poor trappings for his horse, while Mr. Hasler turns out elegant work at reasonable prices. Mr. Hasler has conducted the business since 1867 and by excellent management has made it remunerative.

**W. S. PRICHARD,** Jeweler, Sumner, Ill.—It requires a master of its trade to comprehend the intricate points of a watch and to be able to repair it when broken. There are many who style themselves watchmakers, repairers and jewelers, but there are very few indeed who understand the trade as they should. W. S. Prichard, of this city is truly an artisan and is acquainted with the minutest details of his business. He is widely known as an expert repairer of watches and jewelry. Customers of this dealer can feel assured that he will misrepresent nothing. Being a man of integrity and thoroughly conversant with his business he is able to advise purchasers as to what they are buying or should buy. He has run the store here for three years and is fast increasing his sales and is now recognized as the leading jeweler of the city. Mr. Prichard is a native of Fulton County, Ill., where he was born in 1870 and is well-known as an expert on any and all kinds of machinery. He received a liberal education in the schools at Lewistown. Personally Mr. Prichard is affable and his genialty gains for him many friends. He is an adherent of the Masonic fraternity and M. W. of A.

## METROPOLIS.

Metropolis or Metropolis City as it is often called is located on the right bank of the Ohio River, 40 miles north of Cairo and ten miles below Paducah on the St. Louis & Paducah Branch of the Cairo Short Line R. R.

It is the county seat of Massac the "Nile" county of "Egypt," not far from the site of historic Fort Massac.

It has a population of 5000.

The town covers a large area, the principal business portion being between the Court House and the River, the leading retail stores being on both sides of Ferry Street. The tendency now is for trade to move in the direction of the railroad depot about a mile northeast of the Court House and considerable building is being done in this direction.

The city has only one debt, namely bonds issued for the water works and lighting plant and a tax levied \$4.00 on every \$300.00 of real estate easily pays this.

There are two public parks.

The splendidly graded streets cemented and gravelled, very wide, are a noticeable feature of the town.

The Fire Department has always been very efficient and has two engines one in East and one in West town.

The Electric Light Plant has a 60 h. p. engine and two dynamos a 60 arc Wood direct and a 600 incandescent Slater alternating.

The present supply of water is got through a pipe standing about one hundred yards out in the river through a strainer. The two pumps have a capacity of a million gallons each; the stand pipe is 104 feet, eleven and one half feet diam., on the ten inch mains gives a pressure of 75 pounds; the pumping engine has an 8x14 cylinder. The water service is however very inadequate and the city is now spending \$8000 in extension of the works.

Metropolis has 1200 children attending the two schools; one for white children, a three story brick erected at a cost of \$25,000 having nine teachers and one for colored children having three teachers.

There are eight churches in the city: Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, Congregational, Lutheran and Christian and two colored.

All the leading sectarian societies are represented. The Odd Fellows are completing a splendid Temple on Ferry Street, 1st floor stores 2d, offices and 3rd, lodge rooms.

There are two theatres—one completed in 1894 (New Music Hall) seats 600, stage 22x40, electric light and steam heat.

Metropolis is strictly a manufacturing city chiefly in making articles into which lumber and iron enter; the weekly pay roll from the factories is between \$8000 and \$9000 dollars; there is a wooden plate and butter package factory, saw mill, planing mill, two hoop and stave factories, plow handle works, wagon part works, iron pipe works and foundry, two brickyards, two flour mills, feed mills, woolen mill (blankets and jeans) pottery, creamery, wagon factory, bottling works and two cigar factories.

Metropolis is a clean attractive little city and lies on a fairly level plain overlooking the river from which it derives considerable traffic. Many of the streets are lined with shade trees whose green in summer makes a pleasing contrast with the broad gravel roads.

What we have said in Mound City regarding it being a receiving and distributing point for lumber from both sides of the Ohio river is applicable in the same way to Metropolis.

Massac County corn received a diploma at the World's Fair for "good color and flinty condition, yield 90 bushels per acre, 80 lbs. to bushel, large and well filled ears."

Wheat is also much grown in the county. Blooded horses, sheep and hogs and some mules are raised. Fruit is again coming into favor. Twenty years ago grapes were largely raised but now the industry has died out.

The shipments from here are hay, grain, flour, stock, coal and woolens, iron, gas and water pipe, pottery, drain pipe, tiles, hard and soft lumber,

wagon material, plow and axe handles, barrel staves and headings, railroad timbers.

At present the Cairo Short Line is the only road. The Chicago, Paducah & Memphis R. R. Co., incorporated in 1893, capital \$2,500,000 are now building from Altamont in Effingham County here. It will give Metropolis a direct line to the northern part of the state and Chicago. It runs from Altamont to Mt. Vernon, to Benton, Marion, Vienna and Metropolis; when the link between Marion and Vienna is completed it will be finished and also give Metropolis a direct connection with the Wabash and the Gould lines to the southwest.

**BROWN & BRUNER'S, BANK.**—There is always a special interest attaching to old institutions, such as the banking house of Brown & Bruner. It was established in 1870 and it was the only bank in Metropolis many years. The Bank is now located in a handsome building, which they erected at the corner of Third and Ferry street in 1892, fitted with all the newest banking conveniences. Their principal correspondents are: Latham, Alexander & Co., New York; the Franklin Bank, St. Louis; the National Bank of the Republic, Chicago; and the Cairo City National Bank. The solidity and standing of this institution is well-known and reflects creditably upon the ability that has characterized its management and the careful supervision exercised over every one of the interests committed to its care. Although old residents neither of the principals are natives of Massac County; Wm. P. Bruner is a Pennsylvanian while Wm. R. Brown comes from Louisville, Ky. They have been liberal and active in all measures advanced for the material welfare of the general community and intimately connected with many features of its business growth; Mr. Brown is proprietor of the Metropolis Heading Factory and Treasurer of the Massac Iron Company..



**HENRY J. HUMMA, Prescription Druggist.**—Mr. Henry J. Humma, is a man who is thoroughly competent for the technical as well as the business direction of this enterprise. He is a graduate of the College of Pharmacy of Philadelphia. He gives particular attention to the compounding of physicians' prescriptions and enjoys the reputation of being an able pharmacist and reliable dispenser. The drug-store is located on Ferry Street, in the business centre of the town and is filled with a choice stock of drugs, chemicals and medicines. In addition he carries a stock of sundries such as toilet articles, soaps, perfumery, fancy goods and stationery, fine cigars, etc. Mr. Humma is a German and in his business connection with the German citizens of Metropolis affords the very best facilities.

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK**, of Metropolis.—The First National Bank has had an active and honorable existence since 1881. It was originally conducted as a private bank by the firm of McKee Quante & Co. and three years later was reorganized under the national banking laws. The paid-in capital is \$50,000 with an accumulated surplus and undivided profits equal to its original capital, making its actual capital \$100,000. The bank is under the direction of the following officers: President, R. W. McCartney, Att'y. and ex-Circuit Judge, Vice President, Hiram Quante of the firm of Quante & Bro. flour millers and general merchants and W. H. Armstrong, Cashier, whose careful supervision has given the bank the confidence of the people of this section of the state. He is ably assisted by James H. Morris an experienced accountant. The board of directors consists of the president and vice-president above named together with August Quante, mayor of the city and a member of the well-known and popular firm of Quante & Bro., James M. Choat, who was the bank's first Cashier, Wm. A. McBane, real estate and insurance agent and a large real estate owner. The other two directors Henry Miller and D. Amsman are both well to do German farmers. The offices on Third street are handsomely fitted up with all the conveniences of a modern banking house. How well these men guard and how wisely they direct every interest confided to their hands may be inferred from the last published statement which shows deposits to be \$105,019.80 and total assets amounting to \$215,337.78 which clearly indicates the bank's remarkably strong financial position and the confidence reposed in it.

**UNION BAKERY**, B. Bender, Prop. Cor. 3rd & Ferry Sts.—Among the retail interests of a town there is no business of more importance to the community generally than a first-class bakery, and the people of this attractive city must be congratulated, upon having in their midst an institution so reliable and so well conducted as the Union Bakery. Mr. Bender established the business some six years ago. The premises are of large extent and the equipment, which is that of a modern steam bakery, is perfect. It has a consumption of



three barrels of flour daily. Mr. Bender, a gentleman of German birth but many years a resident in this country is a practical master baker of long experience. Besides the staple products of the bakery he carries cakes, candy, cigars and tobaccos as well as some special lines such as Schweizer cheese, Limburger and other delicatessen. Mr. J. Bender, his son, renders him efficient assistance in the general daily management.

**AUSTIN & CO., Empire Flouring Mills.**—The Empire Flouring Mills were founded in 1888 by the late Mr. Louis A. Lafont and fourteen years ago came into the hands of Austin & Co.; this firm comprises the estate of Mr. C. J. Austin (deceased), Mr. John E. Austin, Capt. J. C. Willis and Mr. Eugene Lafont. In 1880 the old burr system was discarded and the mills were refurnished with the best type of modern roller process machinery, retaining one

run of burrs for corn meal. The daily capacity of the plant is 100 barrels and is devoted solely to the production of the finer qualities of winter wheat flour; "Lafont's Patent" and "Sunlight" the leading brands, are shipped in large quantities almost exclusively to the southern trade. The principals of this important concern are well-known. Mr. John E. Austin is a son of the late senior member of the present firm; Capt. Willis is ex-Revenue Collector, and was formerly County Judge of Massac County and a member of the State Railroad and Warehouse Commission. Mr. Eugene Lafont on whose shoulders rests the active burden of the management, is a son of the founder of the mills; he has been actively connected with the establishment for twenty years and in full charge since the formation of this co-partnership. The name of this firm is synonymous with fair and honorable dealing and the prosperous condition of its trade is ample testimony to the energy and effective enterprise that have marked the administration of its affairs for so many years.

**THE MASSAC IRON CO.,** Manufacturers of Cast Iron Gas & Water Pipe.—These works are located on the river front towards the western part of the town, with a conveniently adjacent spur of the Short Line, affording every facility for receipt and shipment of materials. The plant covers three acres of ground and in the main comprises three steam engines, cupola of seventy ton capacity, blower, steam cranes, mud-mill for making cores, casting-pits and moulds and there is a regular machine shop thoroughly equipped for performing all the machine work, blacksmithing and model-making required by the establishment. Moulds, cores and special cores are dried by gas made from their own retorts and manufactured by themselves. Gas and water pipes of all sizes, from two inches to several feet in diameter, are produced, the regular capacity of the works, which give employment to between fifty and sixty men, being equal to twenty-five tons of manufactured iron daily. The output of the foundry is shipped to all parts, but principally to the north-east, north and north-west. The company was established in 1890, incorporated under the laws of this state; capital stock \$40,000; the President is Mr. Wm. Towle, the lumber manufacturer, Mr. W. R. Brown the banker is Treasurer and the Secretary is Mr. J. M. Choat, one of the Directors of the First National Bank and for many years its Cashier.

**EXCLUSIVE SHOE STORE,** John Groff, Proprietor.—The oldest business house in Metropolis dealing exclusively in boots and shoes is that of John H. Groff. It has been in active existence for twenty-one years and through the proprietor's ability and personal energy has year by year steadily extended the limits of its territory. The business premises are located in the New Building on Ferry Street, occupying two large floors, the lower of which is handsomely fitted up with every convenience. The stock is very large and comprehensive, embracing men's, women's, misses', youth's and children's shoes in every variety of style and price. For those of his patrons who prefer to wear custom made shoes Mr. Groff is prepared and indeed does quite an extensive business in this department keeping several skilled shoemakers at work. A native of Indiana, Mr. Groff during his long residence in Metropolis has fully identified himself with the best local interests and not only is regarded as a representative merchant but as a thoroughly reliable citizen.

**C. E. VEAL,** Watchmaker and Jeweler; Third Street.—The above gentleman, by the manner in which he has carried on business since establishing himself here seven years ago, is well entitled to notice as one of the representative men of Metropolis. A native of Alabama, he has had twenty-five years experience at the bench and, indeed, is one of the most expert watchmakers and jewelers ever located in this section of the country. Mr. Veal's business is located in the same premises as Dr. Willis' pharmacy, where he occupies one half of the store; here he has a large stock attractively displayed, comprising clocks, gold and silver watches, diamonds, fine jewelry, optical goods and the latest novelties in silverware, bronzes, table ornaments, etc. etc. Mr. Veal is in intimate relation with the leading houses in the trade and his

facilities are such that he can offer his patrons many inducements such as they cannot readily duplicate. His reputation for ability in repairing either watches or fine jewelry brings in a large patronage in this department, whilst, in the business generally, he enjoys besides a large proportion of the best class of city trade, an influential connection throughout this county and the leading river towns. Socially Mr. Veal is held in esteem and is an active member of the Odd Fellows.

**METROPOLIS HEADING FACTORY.**—This business was established some considerable time ago and has been in the hands of the present owner, Col. William R. Brown, the banker, since 1891. The works cover nearly three acres of ground in the west part of the town on the river front between the levee and the Short Line spur; the plant comprises drying kilns, saw-mills and heading department, with three engines of 65 H. aggregate. In its equipment it is a model of completeness, convenience and mechanical efficiency. The output capacity is three thousand sets of headings daily. The works give employment to fifty men and an additional force of half that number are employed in the woods getting out timber; the factory is under the direct supervision of the general manager, James L. Glass, a gentleman of extensive business experience.

**W. H. KRAPER,** Manufacturer of Havana and Domestic Cigars.—Cigars well made from the best tobacco and sold at prices within reach of all have become one of the greatest luxuries of the age and as a consequence the business of manufacturing the same has grown to a remarkable extent. An establishment which, standing in the front ranks of the trade, does credit to this city, the factory now under notice is worthy of eminent remark. Mr. Kraper established here in 1880 and to-day covers Southeast Missouri, Arkansas and Northern Kentucky and Southern Illinois. Some thirty hands are employed in the factory, which is a commodious two story building fitted with every convenience for the trade. Mr. K.'s cigars enjoy a splendid name for fine aroma and uniformity and he turns out in the neighborhood of one and a half millions annually the largest output of any "Egyptian" factory. Ever since Mr. Kraper came to Metropolis he has been regarded as a progressive man. As an Alderman for some time and now as a member of the Board of Education, he has rendered excellent service in the public interest.

**WM. TOWLE & CO. Saw Mills.**—Mr. Towle is sustained by a life experience in everything connected with lumber and indeed was brought up amidst the old piney woods of Maine. Recognizing the advantages of this point he established a saw mill here in 1876; each succeeding year has brought its augmentation of the business and the facilities have been increased to a corresponding degree. The general arrangement of the mills and their equipment for handling the material with convenience, economy and dispatch, show on the part of the management an advanced knowledge and comprehensive grasp of the best methods of lumber manufacture. The plant altogether occupies ten acres and comprises several dry houses, saw mills and planing mill, with three engines aggregating 200 h. p. The average daily consumption of timber is a 100,000 feet; in the mills and in the woods getting out timber, the firm employ over 200 men. Towle & Co. manufacture and deal in all valuable woods common to this section of the country; long oak is made a specialty and the other lines of manufacture for which the mills are best known are long oak ditch, steam-boat and building lumber, wagon and plow material. As a manufacturer and a business man of broad and liberal views and with a great fertility of resource, Mr. Towle exemplifies the best type of American character and is worthy of imitation by the younger generation of this quarter. He is President of the Massac Iron Company.

**J. A. ORR, M. D., General Practitioner.**—Among those who give weight and standing to the medical profession in this section we must surely mention Dr. J. A. Orr. A graduate from the Eclectic Medical School of Cincinnati, Ohio, he has been engaged in successful practice in Massac County for twenty years and for two years has made this attractive city his place of residence. With his professional abilities he was warmly welcomed as an acquisition to this community and by the extension of his city practice has added largely to the already numerous and appreciative friends and patients in this quarter. For some years Dr. Orr was Chief Examining Surgeon to the Pension Board in this district, but had to resign these duties owing to the pressing claims of a growing practice. Dr. Orr is a native of Graves County in the state of Kentucky and was raised on a farm until the age of seventeen years, when he joined the Union Army. He served gallantly during the war and was mustered out as Lieutenant of Cavalry. In peace as well as in war he has made an honorable and useful record.

**STEWART BROS., Grain & Seeds.**—Metropolis is surrounded by a territory, the soil of which produces almost everything outside of tropical fruits. It is especially adapted to the different varieties of grain. Metropolis stands well as a country grain market there being several large mills, which are always in the market for milling grain and the firm of Stewart Bros. who buy for shipment. The latter make a specialty of wheat and have extended their business to a number of points on the St. L. A. & T. H., railroad outside of Metropolis. They also give some attention to other varieties of grain and during the season, deal quite largely in clover seed. They have a fine building located on the Short Line spur, one block from the Levee on Ferry Street; it has a storage capacity of twenty thousand bushels. The firm consists of J. D. Stewart and S. W. Stewart, this partnership having been formed in 1892. The senior partner had carried on the business individually for thirteen years previously. In conducting their business they have exercised a degree of care and conservatism which has brought them fair success. In financial matters their methods have always been prudent and conservative and this fact of itself has materially aided them in establishing their financial standing, which is of such a character as to enable them to carry on their business at home and abroad. The members of the firm of Stewart Bros., were born and reared on a farm in Massac County, Illinois. Their father David Stewart, was born in Renfrewshire Scotland, about twelve miles from Glasgow, November 14th, 1809. When about ten years of age his family went to Canada and from there he came to Massac County in the Spring of 1849, where he continued to live, until his death which occurred in Metropolis on the third day of January 1892. Nancy Bohanan Stewart, his wife, who survives him, was born in Virginia, June 27th, 1826. While quite young her parents moved to Kentucky, where she grew to womanhood. In 1844, she came to Massac County where she has resided continuously to the present time. She was married to David Stewart May 29th, 1853.

**J. N. ROBERTS, Manufacturer of Butter Dishes, Baskets, Fruit Packages, Veneers and Thin Cut Lumber.**—Of all the energy which is used in advancing trade and commerce, none is so profitably expended as that which furthers new manufactures and utilizes raw and waste products, making what was formerly regarded of little use, of important value in man's economy. The housewife throws away the little wooden dish in which she has received her pound of butter or gives a strawberry basket to amuse a child, without any heed to the brain-work, the energy, the capital and the labor that have been expended in the production of these apparently trifling articles. Mr. J. N. Roberts, originally from Cleveland, Ohio, was engaged in business in Poplar Bluff, Mo. where his factory was burned down and being attracted by the advantages of this point, in its close proximity to important timber supplies he

decided to cast his lot with the Metropolitans. Ground was secured in the eastern part of the town, on the river front between the Levee and the spur of the St. Louis & Paducah Ry., and operations were commenced in January last. The plant occupies about two acres and in its principal features comprises saw-mills, dry-houses, planing mill and package factory. It is not yet fully complete but is being extended with all speed; what part of the equipment was in running order has been all season; also a sixty-horse steam engine, three veneer cutters, power and hand presses, dies, breakers, box-machines, etc. At present the works give employment to seventy-five hands and when working to full capacity will probably employ as many more. Mr. Roberts has always been able to command a good trade and with a wide connection already established, the shipments from the new factory must soon take a leading place in local trade returns. Mr. J. N. Roberts and his brother C. C. Roberts, who forms an efficient second in the business management, bring their own welcome and are gladly received as valuable acquisitions to the community. The former is now a resident of Lawrence, Kansas. He has served as Adjutant General of the state two terms and was Major of the 6th Ohio Cavalry during the war of the Rebellion.

**C. P. ESTES, Agent, Kimball Pianos and Organs, Music hall 4th Street.**—In the line of business conducted by Mr. C. P. Estes, Metropolis possesses an institution to elevate her society and increase her trade over a wide territory. Mr. Estes, who has for upwards of twenty years been a trusted representative of W. W. Kimball & Co., of Chicago, and during the past fourteen years has been working up their interests in Massac County and contingent territory, was requested by them about two years ago to establish a permanent agency in this city. The store, where he employs three assistants, is pleasantly located in the new Music Hall Block and being large and spacious is most admirably suited to the business. A large stock of pianos and organs is always on hand, representing all the latest styles and improvements offered by the manufacturers and with Mr. Estes at hand to display the merits, elucidate new devices or bring out the tone and quality with the hand of a maestro, the difficulties attending the selection of a suitable instrument are reduced to a minimum. Mr. Estes does a large business both locally and through a wide territory, in which he has no less than six agents located at important points on either side of the river.

**WILLIAM T. HOUTS, Architect, Carpenter & Builder.**—Of all the professions none are more necessary to the growth of a city than that of the architect. In architecture, more perhaps than in any other line is it inadvisable for "every man to be his own physician" for by consulting competent authorities you can not only obtain a better and handsomer building than you would likely do otherwise but will certainly save a very great deal of unnecessary expense. Mr. William T. Houts is the leading representative of the profession in Metropolis, where he has been engaged as a builder and an architect for seventeen years for the last seven of which he has devoted himself chiefly to architectural practice and acting as Building Superintendent. Having had a wide experience in the erection of every description of building, city and country residences, stores, warehouses, factories, churches, schools, courthouses and so on, he is prepared to furnish plans and estimates upon a reliable and economic basis for any kind of a structure; his knowledge as a practical builder is of the utmost service to him in computations and taking off quantities and he has a splendid reputation for furnishing reliable figures and carrying to successful issue all contracts placed under his charge. Many of the beautiful residences with which this attractive city abounds are the creations of his genius, while in heavier work the courthouse, the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Odd Fellows Temple, now in course of erection, are examples of his skill.

**HOTEL COVINGTON.** Dr. A. M. Covington Prop.—The Hotel Covington has attained well deserved popularity by reason of its eligible location on the River front in close proximity to all the steamboat landings, the Post Office and within easy access of the leading business houses, banks, etc. Its reputation is also largely due to the energetic and efficient management of its present proprietor, Dr. A. M. Covington who came into control in 1885. Since that time the Doctor has effected a complete renovation of the premises. His efforts to entertain in royal style has gained for him the reputation of being one of the most deservedly popular landlords. The house contains twenty large guest rooms, office and reading room, parlor and commodious dining room and kitchen and a completely stocked wine room. Dr. Covington buys his stock of liquors in bond and the consumer has the assurance of always procuring the best. The table is presided over by the Doctors good lady who is an accomplished house-keeper, assisted by competent cooks and waiters. The building is a substantial two-story brick 40x100 feet in area, from which a beautiful view of the placid waters of the Ohio River may be enjoyed. Dr. Covington is a son of the Blue Grass State, a true Kentuckian by birth and education. He is a medical graduate although his preliminary education was obtained at intervals in the public schools of his native home, alternating study and manual occupations. For many years he practiced medicine at Paducah and in this city. He has been a resident of Metropolis twenty years and owing to his business interests has abandoned the general practice and devotes his attention to diseases of the eye and ear. In social fraternity, he is identified with the Masons, Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. Since his occupation of the present premises the Doctor has discovered through careful analysis the well and spring waters found upon his property to be strongly impregnated with medicinal, mineral

properties and it is his design soon to give the public the benefit of this treasure trove, by placing these waters at the disposition of his guests and patients.

**A. HUDSON,** Photographic Artist. Ferry Street.—The art preservative of art, life and nature has in the city of Metropolis a representative of more than ordinary ability in the person of Mr. A. Hudson. He inaugurated the business in Carbondale, Ill., some fifteen years ago and for the past five years he has been located here, Mr. Hudson has met with a fair degree of success and is the survival of the fittest among the photographers of Metropolis. He was educated in this art at Shelbyville, Ill., in the studio of Sittler & Laurer, noted artists of that place. A native of Leith Fall, New York State he came west in the 70's and after experiencing many changes of fortune finally chose his present avocation. Mr. Hudson's general health has been bad of late and his wife has perfectly become proficient and can execute work in the most artistic and satisfactory style.

**THE "JOURNAL-REPUBLICAN,"** Published by A. N. Starkes & Co. A. N. Starkes, Editor and P. H. Norris, Business Manager.—This paper was inaugurated about three years ago by a consolidation of "The Republican" and the "Massac Journal," and is in apostolic succession to the latter paper, established thirty years ago by the Hon. J. F. McCartney. It is published by A. N. Starkes & Co., Mr. Starkes, the editor was proprietor of the "Journal" in its later years, while Mr. P. H. Norris, business manager was owner of the "Republican." The sheet is one of the most popular in the section and is conducted with judgment and discretion. While building up an enterprise from which they gain material benefit and an honorable standing, its owners never fail to be of and for Metropolis in all their utterances.

## VIENNA.

This is a pleasant little town of some 1500 inhabitants located a little to the south of the geographical center of Johnson County of which it is the judicial seat, on a small fork of the Cache River, 428 ft. above sea level. The highest altitude in the county is 818 ft. (Goreville) and the lowest the Cache River lake 133 ft. above the sea.

The town is on the Big Four Railroad 45 miles north of Cairo.

The county, organized 1812, was named after one of its first settlers. It contains 335 sq. miles in which it has a population of 16,000. Its climate in the year ranges from 38 mean lowest to 80 highest average temperature. The average annual rainfall is 45 ins.

The soil of the county is, in the bottoms a rich black land yielding heavy and abundant crops of corn, hay and vegetables. The uplands are a light loose soil, producing wheat, oats and fruit.

Fruit growing as in the rest of Southern Illinois is the great and coming industry; apples, peaches, plums, pears, grapes and berries. This county is the natural home of clover and timothy. Tobacco is raised to some extent and yields 1000 lbs. to the acre. There is a great deal of timber cut and sold each year.

The farmers of Johnson County own much blooded stock in Hereford, Shorthorn, Jersey and Holstein breeds.

Lands for farming are held at from five to fifty dollars an acre, near town one hundred dollars would be asked.

Johnson County Agricultural Association, organized eight years ago, holds an annual fair lasting four days in its beautiful grounds east of town. It has a fine show of horses and cattle, orchard and garden products. This year 365 varieties of farm

plants grown in the county, were exhibited. There are trotting, pacing and running races all four days.

Vienna is almost entirely an agricultural town. It has a flour mill, wool carding mill, planing mill, creamery and brickyard, three weekly papers, three hotels, two banks, building association. Its new electric light and street railway plant will go into operation in January '95.

The new school on the bluff overlooking the valley was opened in 1893 and cost \$15,000.

The city is built on high ground beginning about a quarter of a mile from the depot. Court House square is the center of business and presents every day a busy aspect.

There is more building going on in Vienna at present than in any other Southern Illinois town and a general feeling of prosperity prevails among her citizens.

The place was incorporated as a city within the last two years, the present mayor being the first incumbent of this office.

The taxation is \$4 per thousand for all purposes. The town has no debt and will shortly put in an electric light plant.

This year they got a large stone crusher and have since been at work grading and improving all the roads leading into the town.

The new railroad from Altamont to Metropolis, spoken of under the latter town goes through Vienna.

The societies are represented in Vienna as follows: Masons, with an Eastern Star Lodge, G. A. R., K. of P., K. of H. and I. O. O. F., the last mentioned have a strong following; 160 members and a half of their own.

**THE VIENNA ROLLED MILLS,** J. B. Kuykendall & Co., Proprietors.—These mills were built by Mr. J. B. Kuykendall twenty-seven years ago and carried on by him alone until 1890, when the present firm was formed by the admission of Mr. F. R. Woelfle to partnership. Within late years the plant has been overhauled, the old burr system discarded and the mill is now equipped with the full roller process. The mill has a capacity of 100 barrels during twenty-four hours and is run to its limit during the busy season; the engine is sixty horse-power and ten hands are employed. The leading brands are "White Rose," "Magnolia" and "Extra Fancy" which, while they enjoy a heavy local demand are shipped chiefly to the Memphis and New Orleans markets, some portion of the out-put going north, to Chicago. Mr. Kuykendall belongs by birth to this section of the country; he is thoroughly conversant with milling and from long experience is enabled to buy with unerring judgement and grade his grain with a material influence on the quality of the product. Mr. Woelfle is of German descent and came to Vienna from Centralia, Ill., where he had previously been connected with similar interests. With the amount of money this concern puts into local circulation, the large volume of its annual business, the wide distribution of its product and in every way adding to the good name of Vienna as a trade centre and source of supply, these mills are closely identified with the growth and advancement of this community. The principals enjoy a reputation for integrity and financial solidity and are amongst the most esteemed of our citizens.

**J. A. PARKER, Hardware.**—This establishment, one of the leading concerns in Vienna dates its existence some ten years back, when it was inaugurated by Mr. J. A. Parker, subsequently and for a period of three years the business was conducted under the firm name of Parker & Oliver, Mr. Oliver withdrawing in February 1894, since which Mr. Parker has been the sole proprietor. The store is conveniently located on the west side of the public square and being large and commodious offers every facility for the conduct of a thriving trade; the stock consists of shelf and builders hardware, cutlery, guns, ammunition, pumps, harness, farming tools and implements and a reliable make of hay-carriers. Mr. Parker was born in the State of Mississippi and came to Vienna at the age of fifteen. Previous to engaging in this present line he conducted a furniture and undertaking business under the firm name of Parker & Bridges, but has had no reason to regret making the change. He stands well in the community as a progressive merchant and reliable citizen, and renders efficient public service as a member of the City Council.

**T. B. POWELL, Postmaster.**—The position of Postmaster in Vienna is ably filled by Mr. T. B. Powell; he has been incumbent of the office since 1893, during which time he has so carefully discharged its onerous duties, as to have drawn forth favorable comments from the towns people. He has recently moved into the Bridges Building on the west side of the square, where he has had the premises fitted up, with every needful convenience. Mr. Powell carries a stock of stationery, blank books, general and fancy notions and cigars. A native of Johnson County and twenty-three years resident in Vienna, Mr. Powell naturally enjoys a wide acquaintance and is regarded throughout the community as an enterprising man of business ability and one who, as a public official, is well worthy of the people's confidence. He is a Director of the Johnson County Building & Loan Association. He is also a registered pharmacist and has followed that profession since 1876.

**GEORGE BRATTON, M. D.**—In presenting to our readers this account of the business growth and general progress of Vienna, we would give but an incomplete list, were we to omit mention of those who, not directly connected with business interests, have as representative citizens exercised an influence for the promotion of the material and social welfare of the community. One who comes under this category, is Dr. George Bratton. A native of Ohio, he studied at the Jefferson College of Medicine in Philadelphia, from which he received

the degree of M. D. He established his office in Vienna, nearly forty-two years ago and very soon found himself engaged in a successful practice. During this long career, Dr. Bratton has gathered round him a circle of friends and patients. Going in and out among the homes of Johnson County so many years he is perhaps the most widely known man in the community as he is certainly one of the most esteemed. Dr. Bratton was Examining Surgeon to the Board of Pensions for twenty-five years; he is at present President of the Board of Education and a member of the Southern Illinois Medical Association. He is a Mason, Knight Templar or Gletsamene Commandery of Metropolis, also a member of the local lodge of I. O. O. F. The Doctor and his wife have three children living, namely, Suda, William Harvey and Bertie.

**W. Y. SMITH, Attorney-at-Law.**—Among those who may be entitled the younger representative men of this section of country we note the above, one of the rising lawyers at the Southern Illinois Bar. Born in Johnson County he was raised and educated in this city and was for several years engaged in teaching; for three years he was Principal of the Vienna Schools. He is now engaged in general practice as an attorney, giving much of his attention to commercial law and matters relating to real estate, in addition to which he also discharges the somewhat intricate duties of Master-in-Chancery. Mr. Smith is secretary of the Johnson County Building & Loan Association. He is of a genial, courteous disposition, a man of no mean abilities and we may at no distant date see him called upon to fill still higher trusts of greater eminence.

**PARKER, MAHL & CO. Harness & Saddle-makers and I. A. J. Parker & Son, Dealers in Farm Implements, Etc.**—Among the various lines of trade carried on in this community the firm of Parker, Mahl & Co. well represents the harness and saddle-making business. They have but recently taken hold of the store, which for many years was carried on by Mr. J. B. Miller. The store displays a fine stock of saddles, light and heavy harness, bridles, collars, buggy whips and so on. Messrs. I. A. J. Parker, H. Mahl and C. Knapp are the members of the firm and the business is carried on under the direct supervision of the latter two, both of whom are practical and expert harness-makers. The business enjoys a large proportion of the custom in this section, drawing trade from all parts of the county, which it retains by reason of the high reputation held for first-class material and workmanship. Mr. Parker founded his business four years ago and by judicious management, continues to prosper. His stock is large and exceedingly comprehensive, embracing farm implements of all kinds, threshing machinery, wire, pumps, belting, hose, wagons, buggies, carriages, saw-mill machinery, engineer's supplies and also pianos and organs. Mr. Parker employs five people in the sales department and general repair shop and himself exercises a vigorous superintendence over every feature of the business. He is ably assisted by his son, who was admitted to partnership, January 1st, 1895.

**THE VARIETY STORE, L. C. Oliver, Prop.**—Among the wide-awake men of this enterprising city we note the above, who is well and favorably known to the residents of Johnson County. The establishment which he conducts, well located in the business centre of the city, occupies extensive premises; it is well named the variety store, as the stock, besides being very complete, is most varied. It includes a full assortment of fancy and general notions, books of all kinds, church, educational and general literature, blank books, stationery, school books and school supplies. The goods are nicely displayed in cases, shelves and counters, giving every opportunity for selection and the whole is arranged so as to give the store a pleasant and attractive appearance. Mr. L. C. Oliver, the sole proprietor, is a native of this locality and has been prominent in Vienna business circles; he has been engaged in the present line only since summer previous to which he was proprietor of a large hardware store. He has always been regarded as a fair dealing man of business and a reliable citizen.

**JOHN S. BRIDGES, Furniture Dealer & Undertaker.**—This business which was founded twelve years ago, is certainly the leading house in its line and as a business institution reflects credit upon the city's advanced mercantile development. It is located in convenient premises on the west side of the court house square, occupying two floors of considerable area. Everything is arranged with a full view quick to handling of goods and Mr. Bridges enjoys all facilities for enabling him to fill orders with punctuality and dispatch. The stock embraces all descriptions of household, office and other furniture, perhaps the most comprehensive assortment ever brought under one roof in Southern Illinois. He makes a special feature of the Undertaking department and has a fine hearse, with very full assortment of burial cases and caskets in wood and metal, in a wide range of quality and prices. He is a practical embalmer and has a splendid equipment of the most improved instruments and devices. As a native of Johnson County and fourteen years resident in Vienna, Mr. Bridges naturally enjoys a wide acquaintance; he draws his custom from all parts of the country and of course has the patronage of the best class of city trade. He is one of Vienna's influential citizens and conducts an enterprise of which he may be duly proud.

**A. J. HENRY, D. D. S.**—The dental profession in Johnson County has a good representative in Dr. A. J. Henry. He served a thorough apprenticeship in laboratory and chair work before proceeding to a Dental College, from which he acquired the degree of D. D. S. He has been established since 1877 in Vienna, during which time he has built up a lucrative practice. He has nicely furnished rooms in the Veach & Bridges Building, fitted up with every convenience conducting to the comfort of his visitors and facilitating operations; the equipment is fully in accord with recent developments in dentistry and includes such appliances as are used by the leaders of the profession to lessen all discomfort and minimize pain. The Doctor from long experience and natural ability is familiar and perfectly at home with every department of dental work and deservedly holds the public confidence. He is an active member of the I. O. O. F.

**THE NEW PERKINS HOUSE, A. J. Perkins, Proprietor.**—The New Perkins House stands in Vienna in the position of the survival of the fittest. The old house was opened to the public in 1867 by Wm. Perkins father of the present owner, who succeeded him at his death in 1891. The original hotel, on the corner of Vine and 6th streets, was built for a private residence and remodelled for hotel purposes. This however was not enough and the present owner has replaced it by the now splendid building seen in the accompanying cut. It has a front of 42 feet on Vine and 87 feet on 6th, the lot being 93x196. The house contains 23 square rooms, wide halls and stairways, the whole newly furnished and carpeted. The old building was removed and is now used as a private boarding house. The new house, lit by electricity, has a fine office, reading room and lavatory, all in hardwood finish, handsome parlor, two large sample rooms, a spacious dining room with every day an appetizing and attractive menu. Mrs. Perkins presides over the dining room and kitchen. Mr. Perkins is partner in the meat and grocery house of Thomas & Co. He is to the manor born and believes in the future of his town and county, which he does so much to help to build up and make attractive.

**FULLER & CARTER, Brick Manufacturers and Builders.**—In giving an authentic history of the business interests of Vienna, we must not omit mention of the important enterprise carried on by Messrs. Fuller and Carter. The business was only established here during the current year, having been previously carried on at Galatia, Ill., under the style of Miller & Carter. The new firm have secured a nice little property of five acres about half a mile west of the Courthouse, where there are extensive beds of clay of good color and possessing all the requisite qualities for the manufacture of first-class brick. The soft-mud process is used with a Quaker press capable of turning out twelve hundred bricks hourly; from twelve to fifteen men are employed and the output of the kiln during the season—from eight to ten months—is in

the neighborhood of 650,000 bricks. As yet the product of this yard has been used chiefly by the local trade; the new hotel was built of this brick and the several new business blocks and buildings under construction are using it exclusively. Mr. C. E. Carter, who is a native of Corinth, learned his trade in Atalia from which town his partner, Mr. S. R. Fuller, hails originally. They are energetic progressive men, useful citizens and generally important to the welfare and advancement of the community with which they have so recently cast their lot.

**THE JOHNSON COUNTY BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION, W. Y. Smith, Secretary.**—Many, not only of the dwellings, but of the stores and business blocks of Vienna directly trace their being to the Johnson County B. & L. Association. It was organized in July, 1887, since which time five series of stock have been issued and the sixth is now open; of the five series there were at the close of the fiscal year in June 694 shares in force of an aggregate value of \$37,633 while the loans in force amounted to \$36,475. This latter sum represents at least forty or fifty homes secured to persons who could not have attained them otherwise, and just so much added to the wealth of the town; during the last five years Vienna has prospered as never before and we firmly believe that the Association, more or less directly, is largely responsible for this era of good times. Careful, honest and efficient management is what tells and on this account we must congratulate the stockholders that the administration of affairs is in the hands of such men as her present officers. Mr. J. B. Kuykendall is President; the Vice-President is J. K. Elkins; Jno. B. Jackson is Treasurer and W. Y. Smith, Master-in-Chancery, is Secretary and ably bears the active burden of the management.

**W. H. JOBE, Boot and Shoe-maker.**—Should you wish to secure a comfortable pair of shoes that will stand the test of time and wear, the most sensible plan is to call upon Mr. W. H. Jobe, who devotes himself to custom work. With factories producing millions of shoes at the present day it is utterly impossible for anyone to continue successfully in this line unless an expert at his work. This is exactly the case with Mr. Jobe and explains the large patronage with which he is favored. He does the finest as well as the most substantial work; he also keeps a good stock of shop-made boots and shoes, also shoe findings for those who wish to do their own repairing. Mr. Jobe's headquarters are in the block known as Jobe's Brick directly opposite the New Perkins House. He is of a genial disposition and has won a host of friends some of whom have been steady customers since he commenced business in 1882.

**THE VIENNA TIMES, W. H. Gilliam, Editor.**—This paper though not so old as some of its contemporaries has achieved a standing which gives prestige to its management. It was founded by A. K. Vickers in Sept., 1878, and exactly eight years later passed into the hands of its present publisher, W. H. Gilliam. It has now a bona fide circulation of 950 and is considered the best medium for business purposes of any newspaper published in the county. The paper is a six column quarto, appearing every Thursday afternoon. Their job office keeps three people busy. Mr. Gilliam was born in Weakley County, Tenn., in 1856, came to this county in 1862, was for some years engaged in public school work and later was Deputy Clerk to the Circuit Court. Mr. Gilliam is an active supporter of Republican principles and exercising an honest and independent opinion of party actions, hews to the line, let the chips fall where they may. Mr. W. B. Jennings, assistant editor of the "Times," four years ago commenced the publication of the "Vienna Daily Times," which he issues for the few days immediately preceding and during the annual fair of the Johnson County Agricultural Association. It is the size of the parent sheet devoted to fair happenings. Mr. Jennings is a native of Marion, Williamson County, where for some time he was connected with the "Leader." He is a thorough, practical printer and an able newspaper man.

**J. K. ELKINS, Groceries and Provisions.**—One of the flourishing retail business interests of this active trading point is that now carried on by Mr. J. K. Elkins. The business was established in 1889, the style of the firm being Elkins & Graves, but in July last, Mr. Elkins purchased his partner's interest. The premises occupied by the business consist of a large two story brick building, arranged to facilitate the conduct of an active trade and are filled with a well assorted stock of groceries, provisions, glass, queensware, cutlery, crockery, tinware, fruit, vegetables and country produce. Mr. Elkins prides himself upon the courteous treatment afforded all customers and under his careful management the house has acquired a wide spread name for honesty and fair dealing. Mr. Elkins is a Director of the Johnson County Building and Loan

Association, a stock-holder in the First National Bank and a member of Vienna City Council.

**L. A. WILLIAMS, Photo-Artist.** East Main Street.—The leading photographer of Johnson Co. All the latest styles of photographs promptly and neatly executed. Views of residences and outdoor groups, made on short notice. Beautiful life size portraits, in crayon, pastel, water or oil color a specialty. Pictures left with me to be copied will be carefully protected and returned in good condition. My gallery is well equipped with first



class instruments, back-grounds and accessories and none but high class work allowed to leave the studio. The patronage of the public is respectfully solicited.

**"THE VIENNA WEEKLY DEMOCRAT."** This paper is a new and promising venture recently started by Lucas Parker. Mr. P. formerly ran the "Egyptian Democrat" for several years and is no novice in the business, having been recognized by the Democracy, by the appointment as deputy postmaster of Vienna, under T. B. Powell. He fancied he was getting too many irons in the fire and suspended the publication of the latter paper in February, 1894, leasing his plant. The lease being forfeited in November 1894, he started the present paper in December, 1894. The "Democrat" is a five column quarto. It shines best as a local and society paper. Mr. Parker is a native Johnsonian and has "grown up with the country." He believes in progress and never fails to advocate anything that in his judgment will result in the advantage and the aggrandizement of Vienna and of Johnson County.

# MARION.

## POPULATION 3500.

Marion is located near the center of Williamson County, the western boundary of which is the third principal meridian, on the Cairo Short Line, 112 miles east of St. Louis. It is the county seat and principal town in the county.

The surface of the county is generally rolling and open, broken and wooded in parts.

The cereals grow in perfection in every corner of it and the raising of fine stock is largely entered into—fine horses, cattle, shorthorns, Hereford, Angus, Holsteins and Jerseys for dairy purposes, recently stimulated by the establishment of the creamery. At one time mules were extensively raised and shipped to Tennessee and Mississippi, but the low prices ruling in the last few years have lessened the interest in them. A good many sheep are kept and wool enough raised to supply the local mill and leave a surplus for shipment.

About 200 hogsheads of tobacco was raised in Williamson County this year and shipped almost entirely to New York.

Fruit growing as in all the other counties in Southern Illinois is largely followed; apples, cherries, pears, plums and peaches do particularly well; also blackberries, currants, raspberries and strawberries. In vegetables, tomatoes, cucumbers, cabbage, beans, potatoes and onions.

Poultry are raised to some extent and eggs and live poultry sent to market.

Williamson County Agricultural Board holds its annual fair at Marion; it is now in its 38th year and each year its fair has proven a financial success, some years better than others, but never a loss. Their park has many fine old trees and there is racing on every day of the fair.

Marion is almost entirely dependent on agriculture for her support. In the industrial line she has two flour mills, feed mill, saw mill, woolen mill, two brick yards, two cigar factories, creamery, marble works, electric plant. The retail business is established on an old and substantial basis, little credit is asked by the merchants, but they are able to give plenty of credit.

Marion is a town of steady healthy development and outwardly appearing, as well as really prosperous. Considerable building is going on and there are several fine blocks on the Court House square.

The leading denominations have fine church buildings.

The public school is large and amply provided with accommodations.

The city has recently issued \$10,000 worth of bonds for street improvements.

Electric Lighting is furnished by a private company; which has also a charter for an electric street railway, which will be put in at an early date. It will be specially advantageous for communication with the depots, which are about half a mile from the court house.

The new road, the Chicago, Paducah & Memphis from Altamont in Effingham County through Benton and Mt. Vernon is now running trains into Marion. It is being built rapidly to Vienna where it will continue over the "McLearnsboro' Railroad" road bed, which it has purchased, to Metropolis and Paducah.

The Fraternities having an active existence in Marion are Freemasons, Odd Fellows, K of P, K. of H., G. A. R. This year the 31st Illinois held a great Re-Union here attended by eighty veterans from the southern section of the State.

**BURKHART & BINKLEY, Dealers in General Merchandise.**—Among those who distinguish themselves in mercantile life in this city, we must mention the firm of Burkhart & Binkley. The business has been carried on by the present firm for three years and for twenty years previously was conducted by Mr. J. M. Burkhart alone. The store is located in desirable premises on the west side of the Courthouse Square where it has, in its well ordered arrangements, every facility for rapidly handling a large amount of business. The main lines are dry goods, groceries boots and shoes, but all other features usually found in the best class of general stores are also here and it may be proper to add that somewhat of a specialty is made of handling sewing machines in all the popular makes. Buying goods in large quantities upon terms such as their splendid connection in the trade enables them to obtain and turn them over quickly, they are able to constantly have on hand a new, fresh stock and dispose of them at figures highly advantageous to their customers. The individual members of the firm are J. M. Burkhart and A. J. Binkley. The great extent of their trade reflects the highest credit upon their business ability, integrity and enterprise. Mr. Burkhart is President of the Marion Electric Light and Street Railway Company and a Director of the Marion Building and Loan Association, of which prosperous organization Mr. Binkley is Treasurer.

**H. C. JONES, Circuit Clerk.**—The subject of our sketch who is well and favorably known to the people of this section, was born in Williamson County. He was elected to his present office two years ago and by the efficient accurate discharge of its duties has amply met the requirements of the position with acceptance to all. Politically he has always carried considerable weight in the community and was for some years a member of the Republican Central Committee, from which he resigned, however, when appointed Circuit Clerk. Genial and courteous he stands well in social as well as official circles and we may at no distant date see him called upon to discharge trusts of still greater eminence.

**C. M. KERN, General Merchandise.**—There is always special interest attached to old institutions, whether they be of a national, municipal or mercantile character. Established by Mr. C. M. Kern, at first under the name Young & Kern and under his guidance during its long career, for thirty-one years this business has taken a leading part in the mercantile life of this ambitious city. Mr. Kern deals in general merchandise and makes dry-goods, boots and shoes and fine groceries the chief features of the stock. The store is located in the northwest corner of the Square, where every facility is provided for handling an active trade with convenience and dispatch and ample warehouse accommodation. Mr. Kern exercises a vigorous supervision over the daily transactions, assisted by two competent salesmen. The reputation of the house is so widely extended and Mr. Kern himself too well known to require much comment from us; it is sufficient to say that he buys only prime goods from the most reliable firms and retails them at as close margin of profit as business prudence will permit. He is a man of progressive energy and more than ordinary ability; he is a Director of the Marion Electric Light and Street Railway Co., treasurer of the Williamson County Agricultural Board and a Director of the Interstate Building & Loan Association of Bloomington, Ills.

**W. WILDER'S Photo Copying House.**—In the line of business in which Mr. Wilder is engaged he may be said to have achieved his reputation partly as a result of natural aptitude for the work and partly through the ability that comes with long practical experience. He has been conducting the gallery here twelve years, previously to which time he was in the same line in Lexington, Ky. The studio, located on North Street, is conveniently arranged and equipped so as to contribute in every way to the comfort of patrons and facilitate the practical working of the business; gallery work in all its branches is carried on in the improved styles of the art and much attention is given to photo-copying and enlarging, especially in the way of India ink, water-color or crayon portraits. Mr. Wilder has all the requisite facilities for outside work and has been notably successful with views of buildings, livestock and farm machinery. The enterprise which he so ably conducts has an intimate bearing upon the reputation of the town as an advancing centre of development in all commercial lines. Mr. Wilder's wife renders valuable aid in the conduct of the business.

**HEYDE & BRO., Hardware, Stoves and Agricultural Implements.** North Market Street, one block from Public Square.—A house that may be fairly selected as the representative of the hardware and implement trade in Marion is that of Heyde & Bro. The business was established originally nine years ago but at that time attention was given exclusively to agricultural implements; but in 1891 the business was re-organized upon the present comprehensive scope. They are dealers in all kinds of hardware, builders' supplies, mechanics and machinists tools, castings etc.; stoves and tinware; wagons, buggies and carriages and every variety of farm implements and agricultural machinery, in connection with which they maintain a blacksmithing and machine repair shop. In all departments the facilities of the house are very extensive and result in a trade covering Williamson and all the adjoining counties. The principals Jno. B. and Geo. C. Heyde were born in Mascoutah St. Clair County; as enterprising men of business and useful citizens they stand well in all circles, financial, commercial or social.

**J. W. PEEBLES, States Attorney Williamson County.**—Among the leading professional men of Southern Illinois, is Mr. J. W. Peebles, States Attorney for Williamson County. A native of this section, but descended from a noted ancestry after whom one of the principal towns in Scotland was named, he received his professional education at the State University of Missouri, from the law department of which he graduated in 1878. He has been engaged in legal practice in Marion for fifteen years during which period he has gathered round him a numerous and appreciative clientele. He was appointed Supervisor of the Tenth Census for the 5th, Illinois District, the duties of which position he discharged with notable efficiency and in the same manner, as incumbent of this present office, to which he was elected two years ago, he has amply fulfilled the expectations of his most sanguine supporters. He is also a Justice of the Peace and incidentally, Notary Public.

**BRACY & REID, Dealers in Staple and Fancy Groceries, Queensware, Etc, and Proprietors of the Star Bakery.**—Among the stores which contribute prominently to the convenience of the community, mention must be made of the firm of Bracy & Reid. As a firm the business has only been carried on for two years and for six years previous was in Mr. Bracy's hands as sole proprietor. Under the new regime very rapid progress has been made and each succeeding year brings its proportion of augmented trade. The store is located on the south side of the square. The Bakery occupies a separate building, two blocks east of the Court House and is equipped with the best mechanical appliances and all facilities for the production of first class goods; the weekly output amounts to two thousand loaves, besides other lines. A. E. Bracy and N. G. Reid constitute the firm. Mr. Bracy was born in the county, but Mr. Reid, Marion claims as one of her own sons; they are conducting the business upon lines that lead to sure and permanent success.

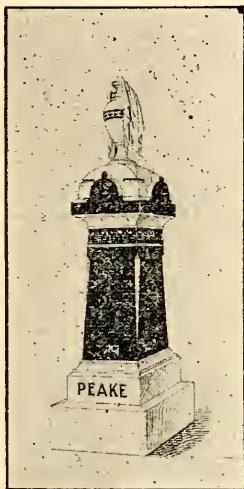
**J. C. B. SMITH, Attorney-at-Law, Abstracts & Real Estate.**—In all transactions relating to real estate, perfect certainty as to ownership is the essential basis, and therefore it is desirable when any transfer of property takes place, that its title, unless verified by proper authority, should be investigated by a person experienced and reliable in dealing with abstracts. Mr. Smith has particularly well qualified himself to investigate and decide knotty questions of ownership. He was formerly a partner of L. D. Hartwell now County Judge. For some years Mr. Smith has been recognized at a leading authority upon Williamson County tenures and has a complete set of abstracts. He enjoys an enviable reputation for shrewdness, accuracy and fidelity to all interests placed in his hands. He is also engaged in the real estate and loan business, having some of the best farms in the country on his descriptive list for sale.

**O. S. TIPPY, Wholesale and Retail Liquor Dealer.** North Side Public Square.—Among the reputable liquor dealers of Southern Illinois, mention is cheerfully accorded Mr. O. S. Tippy of Marion, who was born and raised in Williamson County on a farm. Mr. Tippy established business here November 11th, 1893, and has gained for his establishment an enviable reputation for fair dealing, good citizenship and the conduct of an orderly public resort. He handles only the best brands of whiskies, brandy, gins, etc. In wines products of the most famous foreign and domestic vintages are carried, and in beers, both bottled and on draught, only the product of the leading brewers are dispensed. Prior to engaging in the present business Mr. Tippy followed the occupation of railroad contractor and grain and live stock dealer for a number of years. In his present business he is efficiently assisted by Mr. R. C. Fitzgerald and Mr. Wm. Q. Martin both of wide experience and affability and especially adapted in administrating to the wants of the numerous patrons of the house. Mr. Fitzgerald hails from Mt. Vernon, Ill. He is the owner of considerable property and designs eventually to embark in business on his own account. Mr. Martin is from St. Louis where he received a thorough training in the liquor trade. Mr. Tippy could not well be provided with more competent assistants. This coupled with his careful supervision of the business in person, is the secret of his success and the increasing popularity of his house.

**PEEBLES BROS.**—Burton, in his quaint discourse on the Anatomy of Melancholy written nearly three hundred years ago, has many good words to speak of tobacco, though not unmixed with invectives against its abuse:—"Divine, rare, superexcellent tobacco, a sovereign remedy to all diseases—a virtuous herb if it be well qualified and opportunely taken." Even he, however, ardent lover of the weed as he was, in days when it was held in wide condemnation, would be amazed to see how deep a hold particularly in the manufactured form of cigars, tobacco has upon modern life. The making of cigars, either from domestic or imported tobaccos forms an industry of enormous extent in the United States and no community with any pretensions to growth, but counts one or more factories among its enterprises. In this section, that which is operated by the firm of Peebles Bros., may perhaps be taken as representative; although established less than three years ago, it has gained a firm foothold in the trade at once building up a reputation and a prosperous business by the quality of its manufactures. The weekly output is about five thousand, giving regular employment to six cigar-makers.

**BARHAM & SONS, Proprietors Eclipse Livery Stable.**—This business was started two years ago and the rapid progress made indicates plainly the energy displayed in its management. The stable is a substantial building located centrally on north Market Street and is arranged for about thirty head in addition to the fifteen livery horses kept by the firm. There is a good stock of first-class rigs which are promptly turned out in good style on the shortest notice, and a bid is made for the patronage of traveling men, by furnishing them with polite steady drivers without extra charge. The senior member of the firm is Mr. T. N. Barham, his sons, William and John, comprising the co-partnership.

**SIMPSON & WRIGHT**, Marion Marble Works.—The sculptured monuments which mark the resting place of the dead are mute but touching evidences of a love which cherishes their memory and typify one of the finest sentiments which find expression in human action. To embellish our cemeteries with beautiful lasting memorials calls for the hand of an artist combined with a technical proficiency in all the details of practical stone-cutting. There is no better known firm in this Southern part of the State than Simpson & Wright, owners of the Marion Marble Works; these works were established over twelve years ago and have been in their hands since 1880. They confine themselves to monumental and cemetery work mainly and at their shops, back of the Court House Square on the South side, they have a really grand display of materials, designs and specimens of completed work. Here will be found



a wide range of marbles, from the most famous Italian quarries as well as domestic stones from New York, Vermont and Georgia and the granites in blue, red, gray, pink and other colors from Scotland, Sweden and our own Massachusetts which cannot be readily duplicated, as to either extent or variety. Six men are employed in the works. The firm deals also in vases, settees and flower stands and handle a high class Champion iron fence. Mr. J. J. Simpson and Mr. W. E. Wright, the owners of this thriving concern are men of originality, enterprise and unlimited powers of push. While out looking after business through a somewhat extensive trade territory, Simpson & Wright are ably represented by their manager, Mr. Frank Campbell, a gentleman of wide practical experience in this class of work.

**J. VICK & CO**, Dealers in all kinds of Building Material; S. S. Vick Manager.—An enterprise which has long held a prominent position in the mercantile life of this community and which has contributed largely to the city's reputation as a centre of trade is that which is carried on by this firm. They started thirteen years ago. They are dealers in all kinds of building material, lumber, laths, sash, door, blinds, Tennessee red cedar posts, shingles, paints, oils, lime and cement and some idea of the importance of their trade and the volume of the stock may be gathered from the fact that their premises cover an entire block at the corner of College and South Market streets. They have a very valuable established connection, commanding the largest share of city and country trade. The active management of the yard now devolves upon Mr. S. S. Vick, and the junior member of the firm still remains at the head of the business. They are gentlemen who are held in high regard by a wide circle of friends as men of integrity and progressive energy.

**GOODALL HOUSE**, J. W. Saunders, Proprietor.—This house was built over twenty years ago, Mr. Saunders taking control in November, 1893. Since which it has become popular with the traveling public. The building is eligibly located on the north side of the public square, two story and basement brick containing twenty-one rooms, fifteen of which are devoted to guests. Mr. Saunders renovated and refurnished the entire building and introduced important changes in order to provide the highest degree of comfort and safety for guests. Mr. Saunders brings to his aid an experience of over fifteen years in the hotel business, six years of which he had control of the Continental now the Grand Hotel at Mt. Vernon, Ill. Subsequently he had charge of the Lang House at Fairfield, Ill. He was formerly a traveling salesman. He was born and raised in Kalamazoo, Mich., and since his advent in Marion has built up an enviable reputation for business ability and good citizenship.

**"THE LEADER."**, J. F. Copeland, Publisher; B. F. Copeland, Associate Editor.—In a review of the leading interests of Southern Illinois we are devoting considerable attention to the press in each locality because we feel that as an institution it yields a very considerable influence in the social and material advancement of the country. The "Leader", from its first issue in 1887 up to the present has manifested a decided spirit of progress. In size the paper is a six-column quarto, appearing every Thursday with a 2700 circulation and judging from the amount of advertising in its columns must be regarded in Marion's commercial circles as a desirable medium for business purposes. Mr. J. F. Copeland is an able editor and a lucid exponent of anything he mentions in his columns. He enlisted when the President called for troops in 1861 in the 60th Ill. Inf. and served in Mississippi and with the Army of the Cumberland (14 A. C.). He established the Marion "Monitor" in 1874 and conducted it till it was merged into the Leader in Feb'y, 1887.

## CARTERVILLE.

This is one of Illinois great coal towns. It has a population of 2500 and is located in Williamson County on the Cairo Short Line Railway. The coal veins here are the thickest in the State, nine and ten feet and for this reason are the mines the largest and most perfectly worked. The largest mine the Brush, when it gets its electric railway in, will be the model coal mine of the U. S. The number of miners in town is about 600 and the weekly pay roll at least \$6,000.

The town also does considerable country trade and ships grain. Its flour mill has a capacity of 120 barrels.

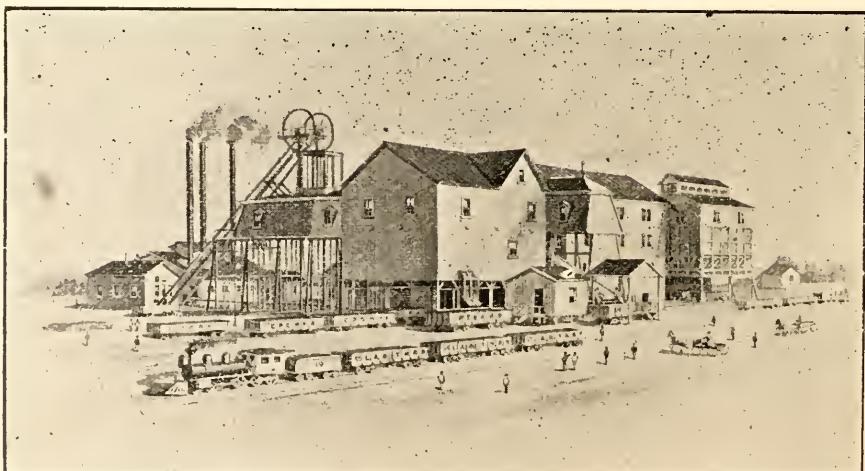
The town lies to the north of the railroad. In the residential part it is very prettily laid out. The business houses are on both sides of Main St. A number are brick and some new brick stores are now going up. There are two parks, Onley Grove and Conners Park both private property, but it is expected the city will purchase them, or at least one of them.

There are three churches, without resident pastors. The Baptist and Christian, have weekly services by elders; the Methodist have service every two weeks, by a minister from some where else. The Catholics have the plans all ready for building a brick church, with parsonage and school house.

The Odd Fellows are the strongest fraternity in town; this last summer they dedicated a nice hall; they have a Rebeccalodge. The Masons and the K. of P. have a good following and there is an active G. A. R. Post. Carterville entertained this year the Soldiers' and Sailors' Association of Williamson County; some 10,000 were in attendance and were royally entertained.

THE ST. LOUIS & BIG MUDDY COAL COMPANY, Sam T. Brush, Gen'l Manager, Carterville, Ill. It is interesting to note how the discovery of coal in any section has always been followed by immense internal improvements and to trace in its history, how it has led to the development of enormous wealth in many States. It would be difficult within the borders of this State to find a parallel to the enterprise carried on by the St. Louis & Big Muddy Coal Company. They are miners and shippers of

"Hurricane Coal," which is widely known as a serviceable fuel for general purposes but, chiefly, is moreover a thrifty coal and commends itself to steam users as being moderate in its first cost, powerful as a heat producer and durable in burning. The Company was organized four years ago, incorporated with a nominal capital of \$300,000, the stock being held in St. Louis, Cincinnati, Indianapolis and New York; its officers are as follow: President, E. C. Dawes; Vice President, George Kinsey; Treasurer, I. E. McGettigan; Secretary, Chas. M. Hepburn; General Manager, Samuel T. Brush. The property covers 3,000 acres in Williamson County and 1,200 acres in the adjoining County of Jackson; it has been thoroughly and scientifically prospected and a nine foot horizontal coal-vein has been traced and proved to exist throughout its area. In the present workings one hundred and twenty acres have been developed and are mined from one point, known as the Dawes Shaft; there are four main entries, aggregating two miles in length and twenty-four cross entries, at a distance of 500 feet apart. All entries and rooms are laid with twenty-pound steel rails, the total track mileage inside the mine amounting to between ten and eleven miles; cars are at present hauled by mules, not the "burros" of the Rockies but great, strong fellows, fifteen and sixteen hands, but it is expected that these will soon be superseded by electric haulage. It is conservatively estimated that there are over thirty million tons of coal now prospected in the vein in the present workings, of which the nearest to the surface is 60 feet deep and the lowest depth 165 feet. Development already accomplished, yields a daily output of two thousand tons, but the shaft is constructed and equipped for productive capacity of one-third more, its equipment is of unusual character, practically permanent and indestructible, but the reason for its exceptional strength is readily apparent when it is understood that at least a thousand acres are to be mined from this one point. The Shaft is 10x26 feet in size and has a four-foot wall of solid stone masonry from the surface to the rock. The engines aggregating 400 h. p. are the largest used in any coal mine in the



BRUSH MINE.

country; the chief is a double, direct-acting engine, 24x36 cylinder and is used for hoisting the pit-cars, which each carry a load of 5,000 lbs. A smaller engine works a pump, of which the capacity is 350,000 gallons per day and yet another operates a twenty-foot ventilating fan. The engine house has a bed of solid stone, 8 feet deep, 28x32 feet in area; there are four boilers, 50 h. p. and the boiler house is built to accommodate four more of like capacity. Coal is carried by two elevators, direct from the pit-mouth to the screen house, where it is subjected to a dry-cleaning process on revolving screens which are of sufficient capacity to work over eight hundred tons daily. These screens are respectively of four-inch and inch-and-a-half mesh; all coal that passes the smaller, going to the washer of the U. S. Coal Washing Co. This is a separate concern but its machinery practically forms a part of the mine plant and is operated under contract to take 500 tons of this small coal daily. The Coal Washing Company was organized two years ago and owns the patent, in the United States, of the Luhrling system of coal washing, which was originally introduced in this country at Birmingham, Ala.; their plant was erected at a cost of \$30,000 and is capable of treating six hundred tons of raw coal every ten hours. As the coal comes from the smaller of the mine screens it is conveyed by an elevator to a large hopper, where it is re-screened and divided according to size, each lot passing to a separate tub. These tubs are kept full of flowing water and while the slate and other improper matter falls to the bottom by its weight, the coal floats over a well and is carried away to the loading chutes. The slate is taken out, crushed and re-screened and again sent through the washer, by which process it is possible to extract whatever coal may be present, even dust being saved, although this last has not as yet proved of any considerable commercial value. The equipment of the mine is as complete in lesser details as it is in the more important features; blacksmith, machine repair and carpenter shops and store houses stand ready to generously fill any requirements and the property is kept intimately in touch with the outer world by telegraphic communication. One wire runs from the mine to the Western Union office at Carterville Depot, a second goes to the office at the manager's residence, which again has its own connection with the Western Union. There are three miles of standard track, part of which, two miles is main track connecting with the Cairo Short Line and the rest is siding. This is all laid with sixty-pound steel rails as are also the six loading tracks, three above the tipple for empties and three below for loaded cars. It is interesting to note, as illustrative of the perfection to which economy of labor and power has been carried, how the upper tracks are so constructed that the empty cars run by gravity. The plant and equipment of the mine reflects high credit upon the consulting engineer, Mr. Jas. T. Gardiner of Albany, N. Y. The Company's inaugural policy included the principle of having the very best operating facilities that could be obtained and Mr. Gardiner's reputation as constructing engineer for the mining plants of the Santa Fe R. R. in Utah and other Western States, led them to place their interests in his hands. With the hearty co-operation and support of the General Manager, Mr. Brush, he was enabled to carry out his ideas upon a broad, liberal basis and the result is that the Company has a plant over which none existing have supremacy. The manager's mine residence and office is about a quarter of a mile from the shaft, beautifully located in a grove of trees and a short distance away is a cluster of workmen's cottages, built and owned by the Company. There are about three hundred men presently employed, the weekly pay-roll running up the neighborhood of \$3,500. The Company's success may be largely ascribed to the great practical experience of Mr. Samuel T. Brush, the General Manager, who has devoted the whole of his energies to the extended development of the property under his control. During the disturbances of last summer this mine was never shut down though it had to be kept running under armed protection, at the Company's own expense, but Mr. Brush fought too hard during the Civil War to submit to any dictation as to how he should conduct his business. Mr. Brush is the only resident stock-holder of the Company, but they could not well be represented.

Major Dawes who is also an old war veteran, as well as the board has endorsed Mr. Brush's management on all occasions.

**HOPE & RICHART, Constructing Engineers, Etc.**—In the age of scientific development in the various departments of mechanical engineering and construction, it is gratifying to note the progress made in this direction among the thriving cities and towns of Southern Illinois. It is not necessary now for our people to go to the large cities in search of electrical or mechanical talent for in the firm of Hope & Richart of Carterville and Carbondale, we have engineers equal to any in the country. This firm's specialties comprise, electrical construction of all kinds, the installation of steam power plants of every description, coal, steam and hot water heating, etc. The senior of this firm, Mr. A. C. Hope, is a mechanical engineer of wide experience. He is a Scotchman by birth and education but has been resident in America upwards of twenty years. His first experience as Chief Engineer was at the Vulcan Iron Works, St. Louis. Then he became master mechanic for the Carbondale Coal & Coke Co., now the Carterville Coal Co. Subsequently was engaged upon the work of constructing the plant of Crystal Plate Glass Co. near Carterville, also installed and conducted Carterville's magnificent Electric Light and Power Plant successfully until its transfer to other hands, but it still retains his name. He was then employed for a period of six years as master mechanic for the Hallday Bros. at Cairo and St. John's. He now came to Carterville and embarked in the coal mining industry. He then operated a saw-mill; this, while he was connected with the Hope Electric Light & Power Co. He has been a resident of Carterville ten years. His associate, Mr. F. W. Richart is an educated electrician. He received his preliminary education at the Carbondale Normal School and graduated from the State University at Champaign, after which he held a professorship there. Owing however to declining health, he had to relinquish teaching. His success in electrical science is clearly evidenced through the execution of work in conjunction with his associate, Mr. Hope, in the Bank and Opera House at Carbondale and the Jail and Court House in Murphysboro, Ill., which are models of their kind in electricity and steam heating equipment. Mr. Richart also installed an electric plant at Highland, Ill. and is now engaged on the installation of an electric light and power plant at Vienna, Ill.

**HAMPTON'S DRUG STORE, R. H. H. Hampton, Proprietor.**—This Pharmacy was established in 1879 and has since its inception held a leading place in this section of country. It is one of the most attractive stores in the city and is arranged with all facilities and a full stock of everything found in a first class city drug store. Mr. Hampton who is a native of New York State, is a pharmacist of mature experience and exercises a personal supervision over all branches of the business, giving particular attention to the prescription department. Two clerks are employed, both thoroughly competent; one is a graduate of a College of Pharmacy, the other is a Stenographer. Mr. Hampton represents several prominent fire Insurance companies and besides enjoying an established connection manages to work up a good deal of business each succeeding season; he also discharges the duties of a notary public and is Treasurer of the Hope Electric Light & Power Co., Secretary of the Carterville Creamery and Secretary of the Carterville Building & Loan Association. He is recognized throughout the community as one who has ever taken his full share in promoting the city's development and business growth and is naturally accorded a leading place among the more prominent business men; his personal characteristics endear him to a wide circle of friends.

**DR. J. W. VICK.**—The above, one of our most respected physicians, is a native of this county. He is a graduate of the University of Nashville and of the Vanderbilt University of Nashville, Tenn. and of the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis. Dr. Vick commenced to practice his profession at Marion in 1875 and soon achieved a considerable reputation. Eleven years ago he decided to remove

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to this place, a step which certainly proved of undoubted benefit to this community and his name is a household word in the homes of our city and surrounding neighborhood. Besides occupying a position as one of our most useful and estimable citizens he stands high in professional circles and is presently President of the Williamson County Medical Association. He is also President of the Carterville Building & Loan Association and President of the Board of Education in which capacity he has rendered valuable service to the cause of our splendid educational system.

**JONATHAN PRICE, Physician & Pharmacist.**—The above one of the older representatives of medicine in this quarter, is a native of Williamson County, in the schools of which he gained his preliminary education. He passed through the Medical Course in connection with the University of Tennessee at Nashville, whence he graduated and since then has been practising in this city; his ability as a physician has gained for him a wide reputation among a large and steadily growing circle of patients. The Doctor also carries on a drug business, his pharmacy being located in the centre of the town. The pharmacy is well stocked with domestic and imported drugs and chemicals, procured from reliable houses. Scrupulous attention is given to the department in which prescriptions are filled and for this as much as anything the pharmacy retains a strong hold upon the public confidence. Dr Price is a member of the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association and is held in esteem by his brethren in both professions as well as by the members of the community at large.

**V RICE & CO., New Drug Store.**—Among the re-tail interests of any town there is nothing of greater importance to the community than a first-class pharmacy. Such an establishment will be found in the New Drug Store, opened about two years ago by Mr. V. Rice and now carried on by that gentleman in co-partnership with Mr. J. E. Johnstone, under the style of V. Rice & Co. A complete and well assorted stock is carried at all times, embracing pure drugs and chemicals, standard proprietary medicines and patent remedies, the usual line of toilet articles, perfumery, etc., known as druggist sundries, stationery, cigars etc. The senior member of the firm, Mr. Rice, who is a native of Franklin County, is a registered pharmacist of mature experience and has a fine reputation in this city for the care with which he discharges his professional duties. Individually and as a firm V. Rice & Co enjoy the esteem of the community and the hearty support of the medical fraternity.

**MATHEWS' HOUSE, Thos. G. Mathews, Prop.**—The Mathews House occupies a position in the consideration of the traveling public that not only reflects upon the ability of its management but certainly enhances the good name of the city. Mr. Mathews ranks among the oldest hotel men in the district and is a genial gentleman who never neglects the comfort of his guests. At one period of his life he was a large farmer and still retains interest enough in agriculture to be one of the heaviest wheat buyers in this locality. He is a veteran of the Civil War, Commander of Carterville Post 237, G. A. R.

**J. B. SAMUEL, Lumber, Etc.**—The lumber yard which Mr. J. B. Samuel has carried on for the last ten years has held a continuous and intimate relation with the development of the city's general comfort and to-day is regarded as among the most important of her business concerns. The premises are located near the centre of the city and cover one entire block. A large and comprehensive stock of hard and soft lumber is always on hand, lath sash, doors, shingles, lime, cement, paints and oils being also carried in full and complete lines. Mr. Samuel must have had a natural aptitude for the lumber business as from the very outset he has not only maintained the yard in a prosperous condition, but each succeeding year has witnessed an important augmentation of the business. As a native of Williamson County and long time discharging the duties of the City Treasurer's office with much acceptance to the electors, Mr. Samuel needs no words of ours to commend him to the people; he is an I. O. O. F. and a member of the Masonic fraternity.

**J. H. BROOKS, M. D., Physician & Surgeon.**—Dr J. H. Brooks is a native of Union County, in whose school's he received his preliminary education. He then entered the Kentucky School of Medicine at Louisville, Ky., passing through a complete course of training, at the conclusion of which he received from this widely known institution the degree of M. D. After practising in his native county for three years, Dr. Brooks established himself in this city in December, 1893. He has been successful in building up a good connection and his practice is rapidly growing, embracing among his many patients the best families in the city and its immediate neighborhood. His office is located in the new building over Koenecke's Store, in the centre of the town and callers will find him ever ready to respond to their requests with whatever urgency the case demands. Standing well professionally the Doctor is also highly esteemed in social life and is regarded as a valuable acquisition to the community.

**CARTERVILLE BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION.**—The Carterville Building and Loan Association was incorporated April 23, 1888, commencing under happy auspices with the management of its affairs in the hands of capable men. Its history is a record of continuous success. During its six years existence it has issued seventeen series of stock, the first fourteen of which to quote from the last published statement, (series 15, 16 and 17 being subsequent issues) comprised 668 shares with an aggregate value \$20,007.82 and there were loans in force to the amount of \$21,725.25 represented by 218 shares pledged with real estate security. The first series has already matured and is now being paid off, one half of the monthly receipts, according to the laws of the Association, being devoted to that purpose. The officers and directors of the Association are: Dr. J. W. Vick, President; R. H. Hampton, Secretary; and A. K. Elies, Treasurer. These men who have been notably successful in the conduct of their personal affairs and their connection with the Association is a sufficient guarantee of conservative and prudent methods.

**N. C. LOFLAND, Harness-maker and Saddler.**—Among the various lines of trade carried on in the community Mr. N. C. Lofland well represents the harness and saddlery business. Since he established his shop in Carterville in 1887, his trade has steadily increased and he now enjoys a large patronage from all parts of the surrounding district. The business is located in convenient quarters and both store and workshop are equipped with all facilities. A good stock is carried of light and heavy harness, bridles, collars, whips, blankets and all kinds of horse furnishing goods—part home manufactured, fashioned by skilful hands and some part of it purchased from the best large manufacturers. In the season three hands are employed, Mr. Lofland himself being a practical harness-maker, exercising a close supervision over all details, and neither new work or repairs are sent out until he is satisfied that it is as good as can be. Mr. Lofland is a native of Ohio, in which state he learned his trade; since taking up his residence in Carterville he has acquired a large number of friends and is esteemed far and wide as an honest workman, dealing in reliable goods.

**C. E. OWEN, Watchmaker and Jeweler.**—The watchmaking and jewelry business is represented in Carterville by Mr. C. E. Owen, who has an establishment which is in perfect keeping with the town's business development. He is a native of St. Louis, in which city he learned his trade and that the practical education that he got was a sound one is demonstrated by his subsequent success and the reputation he has acquired as a skilful mechanic. Mr. Owen has been resident in Carterville fourteen years and engaged in business for himself two years ago. He carries a well assorted little stock of watches, clocks, jewelry, silverware, plated goods, optical goods, etc. etc., and his facilities and business connections are of such complete nature that he can fill any order at shortest notice. We may add that repair work, both jewelry and time-pieces, is sent in to him in large quantity from a wide outside district.

**JAMES H. CONNOR, General Merchandise.**—In our description of Carterville's various interests mention must be made of James H. Connor, a very active man. During his sixteen years in business, Mr. Connor has carefully maintained himself upon such lines of enterprise, liberality and straightforward dealing as invariably win a permanent and successful trade. The stock carried is comprehensive and very complete in its various branches, groceries, dry-goods and general hardware. Four people find their time taken up waiting on a busy trade. Mr. C. is also extensively engaged in real estate and has recently platted Connor's Park Addition, a very desirable residence property, which is attracting a good deal of notice and investment. The park from which the Addition derives its name is a spot of much natural beauty and it speaks for Mr. Conner's kindly nature that he allows the community to freely make what use of it they desire for recreation. He is also joint-proprietor of a valuable property at Young's Bank where a nine-foot vein of splendid coal has been developed. Eight men are employed on the present workings and they are turning out about 500 tons every month. Mr. Conner is a native of Jackson County but has long been resident in this community; he is recognized by all as an honorable and progressive merchant and a large-hearted man.

**CARTERVILLE CREAMERY COMPANY.**—This Company was formed during 1893 and in the early part of 1894 the plant was put in operation. It has the best type of modern machinery for the system in use, that of centrifugal separation. The building has been well planned and its arrangements are very compact. The main features of the equipment are two large milk receiving vats, a 300 gallon cream vat, Sharpless separator of 2000 lbs. hourly capacity, box-churn holding 30 gallon, and a power butter-worker, the machinery being driven by an active little engine of 8 h. p. Adjoining the main building is a well-built ice-house 30x30, which along with a sufficient supply of pure water adds to the completeness of the plant. A feature in which this concern differs from most creameries of this section of country is that they supply their own milk, the Company having a herd of 200 good milk-cows. Being able to regulate the conditions under which the milk is produced they have the advantage of controlling the quality of the material from which they manufacture, which accounts for the gilt-edged reputation the Carterville butter enjoys. The officers of the Company are, President, Emanuel H. Bullmer; Secretary, R. H. H. Hampton; Treasurer, A. K. Elles.

**THE HOPE ELECTRIC LIGHT & POWER CO., J. V. Walker, President; R. H. H. Hampton, Treasurer; F. C. Zimmerman, Secretary.**—In the application of electricity for purposes of illumination, America leads the world. Carterville is a community who are not content to depend on the gas or oil lamps of their forefathers as the means of dispelling the Egyptian darkness. Their electric plant is operated by private enterprise under the style of the Hope Electric Light & Power Co., which was incorporated two years ago with \$20,000 capital stock. The plant is equipped upon the Heissler principle, having one dynamo with a capacity of 350 thirty-two candle-power incandescent lamps, operated by a 70 h. p. steam engine. The equipment is very complete and yields a uniform reliable service. The gentlemen connected with this enterprise are well-known business men of the city, occupying positions of prominence in the various spheres of activity in which they are engaged; the public spirit which lead them to carry out and the energy with which they successfully conduct this undertaking are features of their character which stamp them as valuable citizens.

**MOAKE & IMPSON, Dealers in Fancy Groceries, Etc.**—The business carried on by Messrs. Moake & Impson was established three years ago and has shown a distinct augmentation of its patronage with each succeeding year. The principal lines to which attention is given are fancy groceries, queensware, flour, feed and country produce; the stock in all departments is very full and well selected and it is a common report that no old, unsound or in any way unreliable goods will ever be found upon Moake & Impson's shelves. T. J.

Moake and J. F. Impson are both natives of this county, well and favorably known in our community. Mr. Moake is a member of the City Council and renders excellent service to his constituents.

**ELLES STORE CO., Dealers in General Merchandise.**—Among the various mercantile interests of this section of the state, in all their steady and continuously increasing prosperity, none perhaps occupies a more useful and significant station than the above house. Founded in 1877 and first known under the style of Elles Bros., which firm was succeeded by the corporation known as the Elles Store Company in 1891. Under the comprehensive caption of "general merchandise," they carry a profuse selection of such goods as their long and intimate association with the people teaches them is wanted. Without extravagant pretensions their constant endeavor has been to furnish just what people want of standard quality and at the right prices. In addition to distributing general merchandise they have studied to make a good selling market for all farm products, often making a market for produce that would otherwise be lost. From very humble beginning this enterprise has

grown until it now ranks among the first houses in Southern Illinois. The building occupied by the Company, built and owned by Mr. A. K. Elles as a home for the business, is specially adopted. To the business the general appointment and internal fittings and arrangements are as complete as modern ingenuity can desire and provides every facility for handling a brisk trade with convenience and despatch. Altogether in its physical aspect the building is one of which the owner and the city may feel proud. They employ sixteen people under the direct guidance of the officers: Pres., A. K. Elles; Vice-Pres., E. A. Elles; Sec., Noel Payne and Treas., Jno. Herrin. The premises cover a quarter of a block. The transactions of the house are of immense volume and exercise an important influence on Carterville's business growth, so that its owners are individually held in just esteem by the community at large.

**H. OLIAN, Dealer in Clothing and Furnishing Goods.**—There is no business pursuit that demands more experience, care and good taste than that of the clothier and haberdasher. In this connection we take pleasure in making special mention of Mr. Herman Olian a leading merchant thus engaged in this thriving city of Carterville. Mr. Olian established the business here in 1890. His experience extends over a period of twelve years in this line, both on his own account and in connection with leading houses east and west. He buys his stock from first hands and spares no pains in his efforts to meet the requirements of his patrons. The store is located in commodious quarters on Division Street and is conveniently arranged and appointed for fine displays of a very large and comprehensive stock of goods, comprising men's, youth's and childrens' clothing, gentleman's furnishings, hats and caps, etc., all of which are seasonable, stylish and absolutely reliable and sold at prices that defy competition. Mr. Olian gives his personal attention to the details of his business assisted by a competent staff of polite salesmen. His trade is local and extends to the adjacent rural districts. He is recognized in social as well as in business circles to be a worthy citizen and an enterprising merchant, whose success and prosperity is well deserved. In his relations with patrons he is looked upon as one in whom they may place the most implicit confidence.

**"THE CARTERVILLE TRIBUNE," Copeland & Bush, Proprietors.**—One of the prominent agents in the advancement and progress of this section is the "Carterville Tribune." This enterprising little paper commenced its career in 1890, in which year it was founded by Mr. B. F. Copeland. It is a neatly printed five-column quarto, published every Tuesday, giving to its readers a good digest of all the latest news from the country at large, complete reports of local happenings and considerable matter of general interest besides; in politics it exercises an independent and unbiased opinion. Its hold upon the community has increased with each succeeding year and now it reaches a genuine circulation of 550. The establishment is provided

with a first-class equipment, comprising one newspaper and two job presses and a good stock of type and other material for carrying on a job and book printing business. The paper is now owned by Messrs. Copeland & Bush, this co-partnership having been formed in December, 1893; the senior member of the firm is the editor, while Mr. Clarence Bush is business manager. Mr. Copeland is a native of Massac County and has long been prominent among the journalists of this section of country; he is also assistant editor of the "Marion Leader" and was founder of the "Marion Monitor," the publication of which he discontinued in that place removing to Crittenden County, Ky., where the paper was successfully re-established. It was here the partners were first associated. Mr. Bush, who is a son of the Blue Grass State, being for some time engaged upon the "Monitor" staff, he left this to join the "Crittenden Press" from which he retired to again connect himself with Mr. Copeland. The "Tribune" is a paper which reflects credit upon the place of its birth as well as upon its owners.

**J. L. GALLIMORE, Lawyer and City Attorney.**—One of the rising lawyers of the Williamson County Bar is Mr. J. L. Gallimore. He was born Oct. 11th, 1867 in Golconda, Pope County, taught the county schools for five years, studied law in his native town with Judge G. A. Crow and Senator W. S. Morris; where he also began practice after being admitted to the Bar in 1891. He removed his office to this place two years ago, establishing himself in legal practice, insurance and real estate business and has gradually worked himself into a considerable business. He served two terms as city attorney with much acceptance to the municipality as well as the general public. In political matters he has always taken an active interest and has thrown his full weight with the Williamson County Democrats; he was the choice of their party as candidate for the office of County Judge at last election. As a professional man and a citizen Mr. Gallimore holds a position that makes him at once a necessary and important factor in the public welfare.

## CARBONDALE.

### POPULATION 3500.

Carbondale is located about three miles from the third principal meridian, the eastern boundary of Jackson County on the Illinois Central R. R., where it intersects with the Cairo Short Line and the Grand Tower & Carbondale sometimes known as Chicago & Texas, 75 miles southeast of St. Louis, 55 miles north of Cairo and eight miles from Murphysboro.

It was first organized as a village in 1870 and obtained a charter as a city two years later.

It is a mile and a half square.

It has a debt of \$60,000.

The assessed value of property is \$250,000, which is one sixth of its real value. During the past year there has been considerable selling of property both for occupation and investment.

The appearance of the city is very inviting particularly in the residence portion. The large central square shaded with trees is occupied by the principal business houses.

There are several fine blocks and at the present writing a good deal of building is going on. The side streets are all lined with shade trees.

The railroad passes up through the town which is rather an awkward feature.

The city combines great religious and educational advantages.

The town has largely attained its growth as a

trade center for a rich agricultural district. It also has three flour mills, planing mill, foundry and machine shop.

It is an important shipping point for hay, grain, wool, stock, fruits and produce, timber, lumber, stone, flour and grain. A large business is done in farming implements and machinery.

The First National Bank have recently erected a new building which for its purposes has no superior in Egypt.

The town is lit by electricity supplied by a private company. Thirty arc lights 2000 candle power and 650 incandescent lamps are in use.

The new Opera House built in 1894 seats 600 persons.

Plans are now laid for water works which will be built this summer. There will be three miles of piping, 35 hydrants and a service of 500,000 gallons daily. There will be pressure enough to throw a 75 foot stream. The cost of the water will be \$1500 annually.

Carbondale is a city with undoubtedly a bright future. It presents a more settled and substantial aspect than most Southern Illinois towns. Her men of means are very enterprising and every year they are causing to be brought under cultivation the bottom lands in the surrounding country and every now and then a farmer is attracted here and settles where the land will yield more bounteously than that further north or east.

**L. L. WATSON, Machine Shop & Foundry.**—With the steady development that has been taking place in industrial activity of various sorts throughout this section of country, Mr. L. L. Watson's machine shop and foundry, which he has owned and operated for twenty-one years, has from the very outset enjoyed a good and continuously increasing trade. The shop is well located, close to the business centre and is equipped with all the appointments conducive to a high state of mechanical efficiency including two steam lathes, drill press, planers and other iron and wood-working machinery and all the minor appliances, labor-saving devices and tools incidental to a first-class establishment for repairing, casting and finishing machinery and iron work of the lighter kind as blacksmithing and steam fitting; an active little ten horse steam engine furnishes the motive power. As a rule about five hands are employed under Mr. Watson's own supervision, he himself being a machinist and mechanic of mature and diversified experience. The work turned out from here has a reputation for durability, finish and accuracy which has been attained by honest hard work and progressive energy and it has had a very considerable effect on the business development of the city. Mr. Watson's business enterprise and capacity leave little for us to say; he is widely and favorably known and none in this quarter are more worthily esteemed. He is identified with the best interests of Carbondale and renders valuable public service as a member of the City Council.

**M. M. THOMPSON, Attorney-at-Law and Real Estate Dealer.**—Besides being a prominent member of the Jackson County Bar, Mr. Thompson has long been engaged with extensive real estate interests and we are credibly informed, that few men have done more to develop the agricultural resources of this section of country. In his real estate business he handles every description of town and country property but gives his particular attention to the purchase and management of wild lands; he has probably cleared and improved and placed upon the market in thoroughly arable condition a greater number of acres than any man in Jackson County. He has for his own use a fine farm of one thousand acres close to the city, which he maintains in a highly cultivated state and from which he derives a profitable return. Although busily engaged with his private interests (in addition to those already mentioned, he is a member of the flour milling firm of Thompson & Oglesby) he finds time to devote attention to the responsible public duties of City Treasurer, which he discharges with general acceptance to the municipality and people of Carbondale. In all his public, professional and personal relations he enjoys a wide esteem and is properly regarded as one of those who are doing much to build up a great future for this southern section of the State. A notice of Thompson & Oglesby's mill will be found in another place and will prove of interest to our readers, especially to those more or less directly concerned in that line of trade.

**CITY MILLS, J. W. Winfrey, Prop.**—Among those concerns which have tended in a great measure to build up and increase the importance of Carbondale, the City Mills hold a place of much prominence. They were established in 1877 by the firm of Brown & Winfrey succeeded by the firm of Winfrey & Marten, and for the last six years have been carried on by Mr. J. W. Winfrey as Superintendent. They are located on the east side of the town and are equipped with modern roller process machinery having daily capacity of seventy-five barrels, driven by a 46 horse-power steam engine. The manufacture of flour, meal and feed is carried on. The brand by which the mills are best known is "Electric Light," a flour which is in very good demand and in especial favor with the trade in neighboring towns to the north and south along the Illinois Central. Mr. Winfrey, the owner of the mills was born in Texas, but has long been resident in Jackson County. He is thoroughly conversant with all the details of his calling, a successful grain buyer and knows what precautions must be observed to secure the most favorable results from labor, material and machinery. He is a member of the Board of Education and in this and other directions endeavors to promote the welfare of the community.

**O. BARBOUR & CO., Hardware.**—This business founded originally in 1865 was for many years conducted by Mr. O. Barbour alone; indeed it was only within the past year that the present firm was formed by the admission of his son, Mr. George Barbour, to partnership. It is the most important concern of its kind in the county and the volume of its business has been steadily augmented, perhaps in greater proportion to the general trade development of the city than that of any other establishment. The store is well located upon East Main street, not far from the public square and occupies premises of large extent. The general stock embraces hardware, iron, cutlery, paints, oils and agricultural implements being full and complete and representing the best manufacturers' goods in each department. Four competent salesmen are employed under the personal direction of the Messrs. Barbour and in all features of the business the resources and facilities of the house are unsurpassed, resulting in a trade of wide extent. Mr. Barbour senior is a native of Terre Haute, Ind. He is an influential member of the City Council and a popular citizen; individually and as a firm they stand well in business and financial circles and are favorably known to a very large circle of customers and friends.

**THE CARBONDALE ELECTRIC COMPANY.**—This corporation was established in 1891, officers: N. W. Graham, President; G. W. Graham, Treasurer and S. B. Graham, Secretary. The plant is located in a building specially erected for its accommodation on East Main Street and is equipped upon a thoroughly serviceable basis capable of supplying the wants of the community for many years to come. Two dynamos of the Thompson-Houston pattern are used, the arc-dynamos having a capacity of thirty 1200 candle-power lights, while the other furnishes current to eight hundred and fifty incandescent lamps; as there is a splendid engine of one hundred horse-power the dynamo capacity can of course be considerably extended and indeed some addition in this direction is now being contemplated in view of an increased demand for lighting facilities. The arc lights are operated under contract with the municipal authorities and these street lights and private lamps altogether require a circuit of twenty miles. There is a competent superintendent and engineer in charge and one electrician. Two years ago an artesian well was sunk on the Company's ground in order to obtain a water supply for the plant. This well develops a spontaneous and constant flow of the purest water, which is highly charged with valuable mineral element, making it most desirable for domestic use as well as for the production of steam. The supply is 120,000 gallons daily with necessary machinery. The city of Carbondale should at once avail herself of this unprecedented advantage in the interest of public improvement. We append herewith an authorized official analysis of Graham Artesian Well given by Prof. Arthur W. Palmer, Department of Chemistry, University of Illinois. This water is absolutely free from organic matter and possesses remarkable medicinal properties, as the analysis plainly show.

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Sulphate of Sodium.....	6,937	" "
Phosphate of Sodium.....	0,059	" "
Silicate of Sodium.....	0,916	" "
Bromide of Sodium.....	traces	
Bicarbonate of Sodium...40,570	"	" "
Bicarbonate of Calcium..4,165	"	" "
Bicarbonate of Magnes- ium.....	1,568	" "
Oxide of Iron and Alum- ina.....	0,067	" "

**E. PATTEN, Druggist and Apothecary.**—This business occupies a position the importance of which cannot be disputed. It was established by Mr. Patten in 1869 and has continuously since its inception held a large share of the patronage of the community. The store is well arranged and fitted with all requisite conveniences for the proper handling of a first-class trade and presents an inviting appearance with its heavily laden shelves and stocked show-cases. The stock comprises a

full line of drugs and chemicals as well as standard medicines and proprietary remedies, toilet and fancy articles, stationery, church, school and other books and school supplies of all kinds; Mr. Patten also carries a good line of paints and oils. He is a gentleman of matured experience as a pharmacist and gives much of his personal attention to the prescription counter, in which department of the business this drug-store enjoys a rather enviable reputation for promptitude and accuracy. The house maintains a wide connection and does a steady business which keeps the energies of three active clerks fully taxed.

**SOLOMON & WINTERS,** The One Price Cash Clothiers.—This is one of the most notable additions to the mercantile interests of Carbondale made within the last few months. The business was established by J. Solomon of the firm of J. Solomon & Co. of Chicago and J. J. Winters of Duquoin. Excellent quarters have been secured for the business in the new Odd Fellows Building where they have fitted up a convenient and attractive store and here customers will find a large and varied line of goods neatly and tastefully arranged so as to give one every opportunity of making a selection. An inspection of the stock will reveal the fact that the goods shown are largely made from the finest domestic and imported materials and in the higher-priced class at least, made up in every particular with the same skill and attention which are bestowed upon orders in the custom department. Here too will be found an elegant assortment of suitings, woolens, broadcloths, and cassimeres. Mr. J. J. Winters is the resident member of the firm and brings with him from Duquoin the name of a progressive and reliable merchant.

**"REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS,"** W. H. Hubbard, Editor.—The above newspaper is descended in apostolic succession from the Republican, established 1850 and the Free Press, established nearly a quarter of a century ago, which papers were consolidated, under Mr. W. H. Hubbard's ownership and management, in 1892. The "Jackson County Republican Free Press" is a very handsomely printed eight column quarto, containing a good digest of all the latest news, of general as well as local interest and sound editorials. It is published every Saturday and its appearance is eagerly welcomed by over eight hundred bona fide subscribers; in politics it is, as the editor himself expresses it, a "black" Republican. The printing office is provided with a first-class country equipment, comprising one large steam newspaper press and two fast job presses and has a complete stock of good job type; three persons besides the editor constitute the working force. Mr. W. H. Hubbard comes originally from Syracuse, New York where he began his career as a practical printer, from that embarked in the legal profession, drifted into journalism and now finds himself owner of one of the largest newspapers in Illinois.

**W. F. HAMPTON'S,** Livery, Feed and Sale Stable.—This is the principal livery stable in Carbondale and is well and centrally located upon East Main Street. On an average thirty horses are kept for

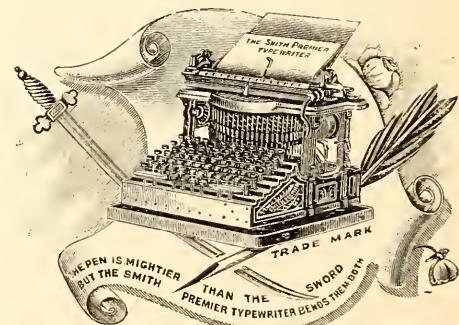
 lively use and many fine turnouts for double and single driving with which careful drivers are sent when necessary. The stable has accommodation for about forty head and keeps up a splendid name for taking the best of care of animals whether transient or boarders entrusted to its charge. Mr. W. T. Hampton, in whose hands the business has been for the past three years, is a native of Tennessee, but came to Carbondale from Williamson County, Ill. The measure of patronage accorded to him by the public is amply merited by his course of honorable dealing and fair treatment.

**THE JACKSON MILLS,** George W. Graham, Manager.—These mills were established about twenty-five years ago by Mr. N. W. Graham and are still operated by himself and sons, Mr. George W. Graham being the active manager. They are conveniently located, upon the east side of the town, not far from the public square and the railway depot and are equipped with the best style of machinery

and all appliances incidental to the modern full roller process. The engine is one hundred horse power, daily production of the mills two hundred barrels and there is storage capacity for some twenty thousand bushels of wheat. The leading brands are "Toppallant" and "Straight Grade" and it is by these that the concern has acquired and maintains its splendid reputation in the southern markets where its trade is principally established.

**J. W. MILLER,** Lumber, Lath, Shingles.—In the business carried on by Mr. J. W. Miller, Carbondale has an enterprise which generally fills the requirements demanded in this special line. The yard was originally owned by Messrs. Searing & Farmer and passed into Mr. Miller's hands in November, 1893; to judge from the support accorded to it by the people of this neighborhood it has evidently lost nothing by coming under the new regime. Several million feet of all kinds of hard and soft lumber are always kept in stock as well as a full supply of lath, shingles, sash, doors, blinds, mouldings, brackets, asphalt roofing and building papers; building contracts and indeed any orders, large or small, can be filled at short notice. Mr. Miller gives the business his close personal attention in every detail and is thus able to secure the precautions favorable to the maintenance of the reputation already acquired for accurate reliable service and a most conscientious fulfillment of every contract. He is a native of Ft. Wayne, Ind., but has been a resident and business man of Duquoin, Ill., several years prior to taking up residence in Carbondale.

**MRS. EMMA R. MOORE,** Principal Shorthand Institute, Stenographic and Typewriting Work Done.—As an instance of the metropolitan character assumed by Carbondale, we mention the shorthand Institute of Mrs. Emma R. Moore. This has had an existence of some six years and has proved a successful enterprise. As a teacher Mrs. Moore has exceptional qualifications and had a very successful record during her ten years connection



with the Carbondale Public Schools. Besides the work it is doing as an educational institution, Mrs. Moore is prepared to fill vacancies for typewriters and stenographers at short notice and to undertake any kind and quantity of work in this direction. Special attention is given to commercial work and the copying of briefs and other legal documents. Mrs. Moore has a number of pupils filling responsible positions.

**TAIT'S Dry Goods & Millinery.**—The business carried on by the above house for over eighteen years in its own special line occupies a position in keeping with the advanced development of Carbondale's general interests. The premises, on the west side of the square, are extensive and well arranged so as to afford every facility for the accommodation of an important trade. The lines of dry-goods offer a most comprehensive assortment and are replete with every seasonable novelty and time-tried favorite, covert cloths, bengalines, whip-cords, silk crepons and lansdowns for evening dresses and fine dress goods. The stock of millinery is considered the largest in Southern Illinois and reveals to the observer some most exquisite hats, trimmings, ribbons, laces, gloves,

hostery and the daintiest kind of lingerie and confections. The proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Tait, are wide-awake and progressive and conduct the establishment in a creditable method. One of the features of the business is "Tait's Monday Sales" which are always duly heralded in the weekly journals and eagerly attended by the ladies of Carbondale.

**J. M. JOHNSON,** Proprietor City Lumber Yard and Mayor.—Among the business enterprises of Carbondale one that will compare favorably with any in Southern Illinois is the City Lumber Yard. It is an old established business and has been in Mr. Johnson's hands for the last ten years, during which time he has built up a profitable connection. He generally carries in stock several hundred thousand feet of building and finishing lumber, such as sash, doors, blinds, laths, shingles and other building materials. With ample resources for the successful prosecution of his enterprise and a high standing in financial circles, Mr. Johnson is accorded the esteem of this community. A native of the State, he has resided in Carbondale for twenty-five years. For six years he rendered excellent public service as a member of the City Council and is now steadily enhancing his record by the manner in which he discharges the duties of the Mayoralty.

**SCOTT'S Dry Goods and Shoes.**—Among important additions to the mercantile interests of Carbondale made during the past year, mention must be made of the establishment conducted by Messrs. Scott Bros. & Co., commonly known as Scotts. It is devoted to the retail trade in dry goods and shoes in exclusively fine lines and the first-class manner in which the business is carried on has very rapidly commended itself to a large proportion of the city custom. The store is located on the north side of the Square. A special bid is made for the custom of the students and others connected with the Southern Illinois University. The partners in this enterprise are Messrs. E. E. Scott, John H. Scott and Louis E. Nelhouse, all of St. Louis, the former being the resident partner. Under his direction four competent clerks carry out the details of daily transactions and in every feature of the business it is clearly indicated the principles upon which the affairs of the house are conducted are such as mature experience and progressive energy would suggest.

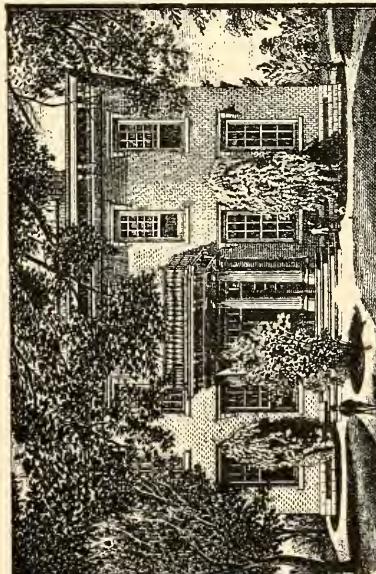
**I. N. WALKER,** General Merchant.—This is an old established business although it has been carried on in Carbondale for only two years; the original headquarters are at Wolf Creek (Walker's Store) in this county where they have been maintained for over twenty years and are still in existence. Mr. I. N. Walker is the sole owner and personally manages the affairs of both establishments, the extent of which may be gathered from the fact that ten salesmen are employed. The Carbondale house is conducted as a general store and the stock forms one of the most comprehensive assortments of merchandise brought together under one roof in this section. Dry goods and dress goods, clothing, furnishing goods, boots, shoes, hats, staple and fancy groceries, queensware, crockery, glassware, house furnishing goods, carpets, grain, seeds, and stock salt may be mentioned to briefly indicate the wide range and variety of wares offered to their patrons. The house is backed by ample resources and enjoys such facilities as a far reaching trade connection and mature business experience can secure and the inducements they are able to offer customers are a matter of public information.

**NORMAL BOOK STORE,** C. A. Sheppard, Proprietor.—While reviewing the enterprises of Carbondale we must not fail to do justice to an establishment which does much towards the material and social welfare of the community. We have reference to the house of Mr. C. A. Sheppard, bookseller and stationer, the leader in this line of trade in the city. The business was established about fifteen years ago and since 1884 has been conducted on its present basis with Mr. Sheppard as sole proprietor. The store is located in attractive premises on the west side of the Square where there is displayed such a stock as would do credit to many a town of large growth. It includes

church and school books, standard educational works and general literature, recent and popular fiction, magazines, journals and the leading daily and weekly papers, office and school stationery, school supplies, wall paper, window shades, organs, pianos (the celebrated Knabe instruments). Mr. Sheppard is an agreeable man to have dealings with and manages his business on principles liberal and straightforward. He is a member of the K. of H. and financial secretary of the Illinois Mutual Aid.

**McMILLAN HOUSE,** A. McMillan, Prop. East side of Square.—A hotel that has been operated for but little over a year, but already enjoys a well established trade, is the McMillan House, on the east side of the Square. It is not the largest hotel in the place but neither is it the most expensive and with comfortable well furnished rooms and really first class table it well deserves the patronage with which it is favored. Special attention is given to commercial men whose custom is particularly solicited and for whom a sample room is upon the first floor. Mr. A. McMillan the proprietor is a gentleman of genial and hospitable character and assisted by his good wife, shows every attention necessary for the comfort of guests.

**THE KEELEY INSTITUTE,** Carbondale, Ill. W. A. McDavid, Business Manager, 1321 Union Trust Building, St. Louis, Mo. W. O. Young, M. D., Medical Director, Carbondale.—The work carried on by the Keeley Institutes, their system of operation and in a popular way, the principles upon which the treatment is based, are now so generally known that at this date it is scarcely necessary to go into details. We shall therefore content ourselves with some mention of the Institute as one of the features of the City and as a factor in her business growth. The Institute was established here three years ago, at which time the attractive property known as the "Aiken Homestead" was purchased by the Company. The house was large and well arranged and but little remodelling was needed to bring it into convenient and suitable shape; the grounds which are extremely beautiful

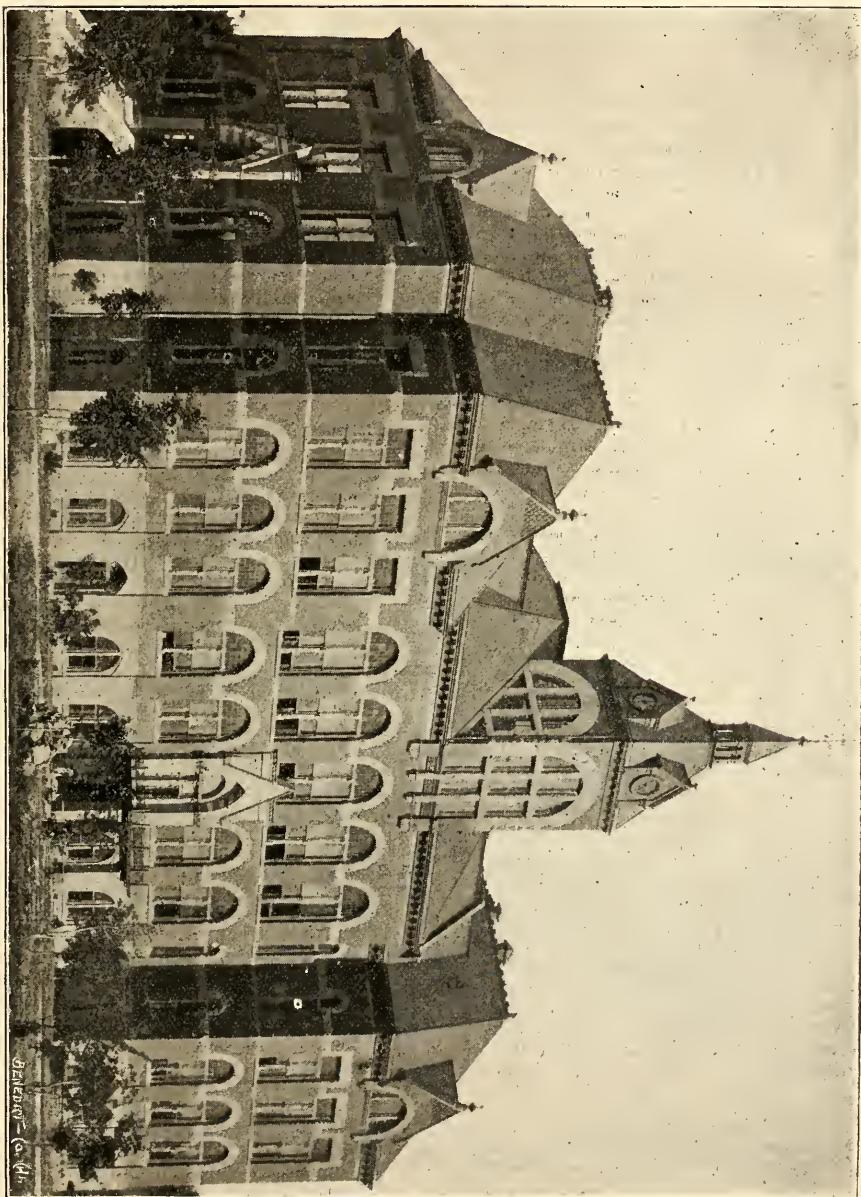


extend to some six acres. Accommodation is provided for about fifteen patients, the physician in charge and his family occupying the rest of the house; the majority of the patients of course board in the city, the Institute being located only a few blocks from the public square. The Institute is authorized and under the direction of the Leslie E. Keeley Co., the treatment is identical with that given under the personal supervision of Leslie E.

Keeley, M. D., L. L. D., at Dwight, Ill., for the past twelve years and which is endorsed by the United States Government for use in the twenty-eight National and State Homes for soldiers and sailors. The business offices of the Institute are in St. Louis, W. A. McDavid, General Manager; the Medical Director and resident physician in charge is W. O. Young, M. D. Dr. Young, who is a graduate of Bellevue University, New York, is a native of St. Louis in which city he commenced practice in 1869. He carried on his profession with much success, till he went with the Keeley Institute at Dwight. Having had ample opportunity of studying the treatment under most favorable conditions and with the advantages of his long medical training and professional experience the success which attends the Carbondale Institute under Dr. Young's administration is but the natural and expected outcome. Personally he is one of the most courteous and kindly of men and has won a warm place in the hearts of this community.

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY.**—It was in 1869 that the State General Assembly approved the act by which the University was instituted; in 1870 the corner-stone was laid and in July, 1874 the complete building was dedicated. On the sixth day of September, in that year, the regular work of the University was inaugurated, with fifty-three students. Little over nine years later the building was destroyed by fire in less than three hours, the library, most of the furniture and scientific apparatus only being saved, but within two days work was re-commenced in rooms placed at the trustees disposal by several of our public-spirited citizens and inside of two months the University was installed in a temporary home provided for its use. The present building was completed at a cost of \$152,065.00, its dedication taking place on February, 24th, 1887; as a structure for educational purposes it has been splendidly conceived and its plan nobly carried out. In the general arrangement, furnishing and equipment there is nothing left to be desired and there is a fine museum with over four thousand mineral, botanical and zoological specimens, scientific laboratories with complete sets of valuable physical and chemical apparatus, a mathematical department provided with surveying and trigonometrical instruments and powerful five-inch telescope, possessing declination and equatorial movements. The library has over 12,000 volumes classified and arranged according to the Dewey decimal system now in vogue in the leading libraries of the country. The University stands in its own beautiful grounds of some twenty acres and at present calls a roll of 490 matriculated students and an annual attendance of above 700. The financial and business administration is vested in the hands of six trustees appointed by the Governor of the State. The Regent of the University is Harvey William Everest, M. A., L. L. D. and the following constitute the Faculty.—Harvey William Everest, M. A., LL. D., Regent, Psychology and Political Economy. Daniel Baldwin Parkinson, M. A., Registrar and Vice-Regent, Physics, Chemistry, Astronomy

and Geology. Martha Buck, English Grammar, George Hazen French, M. A., Curator, Natural History and Physiology. W. F. Rochéleau, Superintendent Model Department, Pedagogy and School Law; S. E. Harwood, Mathematics; H. W. Shryock Reading, Elocution, Rhetoric, English literature; George W. Smith, Training Teacher, Vocal Music, Principal of Grammar School; S. B. Whittington, Civil Government and Adjunct Professor of Mathematics; Arista Burton, History; Inez L. Green, Geography; Carlos F. Allen, Latin and Greek; Matilda F. Salter, Drawing; Hans Baldwin, German, Supt. of Physical Culture; Mary Caldwell, Penmanship, Book-keeping, Assistant in Physical Culture; Theda Gildemeister, Training Teacher, Principal Primary School; Irene Ferguson, Assistant Primary Teacher; Minnie J. Fryar, Librarian; Jennie Hopper, Clerical Assistant; Richard Tierney, Engineer and Janitor; James C. Roe, Assistant Janitor; James M. Evans, Treasurer Board of Trustees; K. R. Ward, Secretary Board of Trustees. There are three departments; first is the Normal, in which there are five courses of study. Second, the Preparatory, in which the classes are designed to lead up to the entrance into the Normal, covering one year's work; third, in the Model School which is an adjunct to the Normal; here the students are trained in the art of teaching in theory and in practice. In addition to promoting the mental development of their students the Faculty have given a prominent place to the department of physical training, three terms in which are compulsory in every student unless excused under medical authority; the object of this course besides the personal health and development of the students is to furnish them with a system of school gymnastics, in view of their probable future work in the public schools of our country. It is the purpose to build a larger and more modern gymnasium. Graduates from the Southern Illinois State Normal University are scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast, from the Canadian Line to the Gulf, some are in Mexico and Central America and at least one in the far-off land of Egypt; many are engaged in teaching as professors in colleges, principals of high schools and as superintendents; some are ministers, lawyers, doctors and the University is well represented in the walks of commerce and finance. In whatever sphere of usefulness they are finding opportunity, one and all reflect the utmost credit upon the teaching and training of their Alma Mater. The new Regent, Dr. Everest, has been here but two years and came with a record of distinction from Garfield University, Kansas; before being there he was for five years President of Butler University in Indiana. He is by birth a native of New York and has been engaged in educational work throughout his whole career. His own collegiate training was gained at Oberlin College, Ohio, whence he graduated as M. A. and more recently, Eureka College, Ills., conferred upon him the degree of L. L. D. Under his experienced direction several new features have been added to the work of the University which have already showed their value in amplifying the field of its operations and yielding abundant results.



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## BELLEVILLE.

The natural beauty of situation makes Belleville at once a most desirable place for residence purposes. It has no swamps to drain and no floods to fear. Its natural drainage is the best that could be desired, while a thorough and efficient sewerage system, gives to every home the opportunity of the benefits of underground passageways to remove all offal and refuse matter. Her gently sloping hills, her graceful valleys, her miniature plateaus give her a location natural, which the hand of man directed by the best engineering talent the world has produced could little hope to improve. Nature raised her grades, levelled her obstructive hills, and filled her unsightly gorges without any drain on the wealth of the people. The close observer of Belleville's advantages seeks in vain for a flaw in her surroundings. Whichever way he turns his eyes is seen rich farming lands, the most fertile and best improved agricultural district west of the Alleghanies; busy coal mines, the busiest west of Pennsylvania; well improved country roads, the finest in the state; gardens and stock farms unexcelled. The blessings of her environments do not demand the extortionate services of irrigation corporations to make them complete, or the oft times abortive schemes of a board of drainage commissioners. Nature in her beneficence made it possible to dispense with both by foreordination.

The streets and driveways of Belleville are well-paved and away from the principal business thoroughfares they are lined with magnificent shade trees. The almost exclusive use of brick in building houses gives the city an air of solidity at once impressive. There are proportionately more elegant lawns and gardens appended to homes to beautify and make them pleasant places of abode than in any other city in Illinois.

The health of the city is far above the average. There has been no contagious disease or epidemic here of any serious consequence within the memory of the present generation. A naturally healthy community, supplemented by a vigilant and extremely cautious board of health with a competent physician at its head, gives such gratifying assurance that confidence in the future on this score is unwavering.

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK.**—In compiling a review of this progressive and prosperous city, a position of well-earned prominence should be accorded that solid institution known as the First National Bank, organized twenty years ago. The capital is \$100,000. The bank quarters are commodious and well arranged. A general banking business is transacted and a numerous patronage, evidences the popularity of the institution and its eminent status in the community. Joseph Fuess, President, was born

and raised in the city; Henry Reis, Vice-President, has lived twenty-five years in Belleville and C. Andel, Cashier, has lived twenty-four years in the city, twenty of which have been in the bank. Directors: Jos. Fuess, John Elmer, H. J. Decker, Henry Reis, Fred Priester, Wm. Erickert, Chas. P. Knispel, Casimer Andel, Aug. Thebus, John Kloess, Chas Dries, F. C. Espenlaub, J. J. Weingaertner. The bank has been universally managed on a sound yet progressive basis and has always loaned to borrowers whenever they saw them deserving of it. Many of Belleville's leading factories and business firms have found in time of need that the First National was a true friend.

**BELLEVILLE SAVINGS BANK.**—In reviewing the commercial resources and facilities of Belleville, a position of first prominence should be accorded its enterprising banks. A leading representative to be mentioned in this connection is the Belleville Savings Bank, organized in 1860. The capital is \$160,000; surplus is \$100,000. The general appointment of the premises embraces all the modern adjuncts of convenience, safety and elegance. From its establishment, the bank has received a large and liberal patronage from the best city and country people and it is classed among the leading financial institutions of the state. The officers, Edward Abend, has been President since the organization of the bank, while Richard Wangelin, Cashier, has been 29 years in the bank. They are gentlemen long prominent and highly respected in commercial circles, where their names are synonymous with the sterling principles of financial integrity, enterprise and executive ability.

**THE INVESTMENT LOAN ASSOCIATION OF BELLEVILLE.**—Was incorporated Nov., 1893 on a capital stock of \$1,000,000, divided in 10,000 shares, \$100 each. It is duly incorporated under the very stringent laws of Illinois and affords stockholders a safe and profitable investment for their savings, embracing all advantages usually derived from like institutions. Where building associations are properly managed they form the safest and most profitable thing a man can put his money into. All stocks issued by this Association yields a stated profit and mature on or before the expiration of a stated term. The methods followed by the Association will enable anyone to purchase and improve real estate and provide himself with a home not exceeding the usual rent paid for a similar house. Loans are made to stockholders in sums of not less than \$200 and not more than \$5000. The Association aims to make loans to parties desiring to build and money will be advanced as the building progresses. It will not loan on such property as mills, factories, lode rooms or churches. The officers of the company are well known, far seeing, substantial and

careful men and it redounds to their credit that the Association is going along so nicely. They are, Pres't, J. W. Hamilton; Vice-Pres't, Michael Reis; Treas., Thos. Doak; Sec., C. M. Seawell; Hamil & Borders counsellors, Belleville Savings Bank depository.

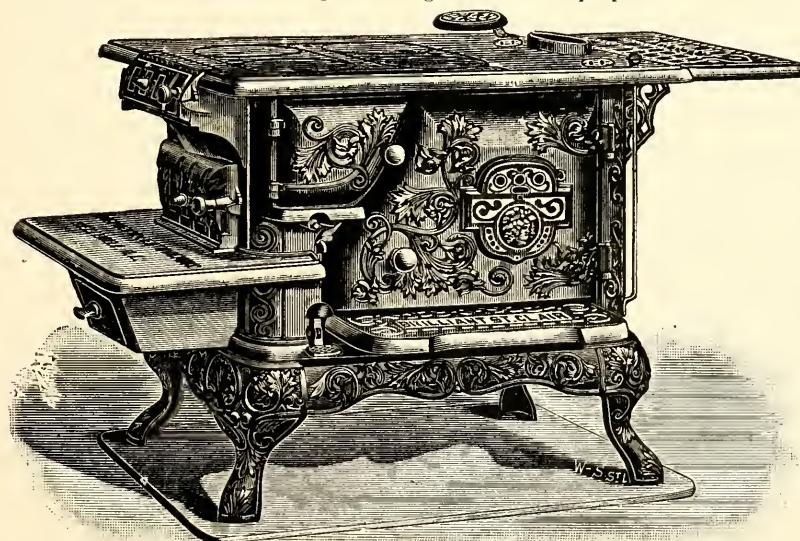
**JAMES P. RICH**, No 10 N. High Street; Real Estate, Insurance, Money Loaned, Bonds and Stocks Bought and Sold.—One of the representative men of the city of Belleville is James P. Rich. His business was established in 1866 and from the start has had a rapid and substantial growth. All descriptions of city and suburban realty is bought, sold and rented. Money to any desired amount is loaned on real estate and the fair and equitable terms offered draw to the office a large and most desirable patronage. In the insurance department several standard companies are represented, the combined assets of which aggregate many millions and risks are placed on all insurable property and losses promptly and satisfactorily adjusted. Among others, Mr. Rich is agent of the Mut. Life Ins. Co., of N. Y., the strongest company of the kind in the world. Mr. Rich is a native of New York State and has lived since 1856 in Belleville. He is a Knight Templar. He is highly respected in local trade circles and numbered among the town's best men.

**BELLEVILLE STOVE WORKS**, (Belleville Pump and Skeln Works, Proprietors) Iron Founders, Manufacturers of Ranges, Cook and Heating Stoves and Hollow Ware. "St. Clair" & "Belleville" Stoves.—The Belleville Stove Works were organized

State's Attorney is a native of Illinois. He was admitted to the Bar in Illinois in 1879 and has been practising in Belleville since 1881. He is an I. O. O. F. and was Grand Master in 1891-92.

**TURNER & HOLDER**, Attorneys.—A substantial law firm, is that of Turner & Holder. Lucius D. Turner, the senior member, is a native of St. Clair County, Ill. and graduate of the University of Michigan. R. W. Holder, a native of Ill., is a self made man, who started life on a farm, taught school and so enabled himself to study law. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan. He was State's Attorney two terms; also was Chairman of the Democratic Central Committee many years. He is a K. P. and A. O. U. W. Turner & Holder are men of an unassuming manner, are men of firmness and they have adopted Abraham Lincoln's rule, to charge only those they benefit.

**JOHN S. CARSON**, Attorney-at Law.—The rapid growth of Belleville has brought forth a class of enterprising people and the profession of law forms no exception. John S. Carson is a native of Nashville, Ill. and studied law in Belleville under W. Winkleman. He has practiced here since 1889. Mr. Carson is a City Councilman. He affiliates with the Knights of Pythias. He prosecutes his cases with a care and assiduity that deservedly command for him the esteem of the profession and the good will of the people.



In October, 1881. They employ never less than 200 men. C. T. Mullin, Secretary, was born and raised in Belleville, as also was the manager, Fred Sattler. They have reason to be proud of the able and enterprising policy which has achieved such a solid success and, as in the past, so in the future, will be found in the van, as regards excellence and adaptability of product to purposes required.

**DILL & SCHAEFER**, Attorneys. First Floor Court House.—Messrs. Dill & Schaefer enjoy a wide and varied practice in this section of Illinois. James M. Dill, born in Ohio, attended the Northwestern Christian University, Indianapolis. He has practiced in Belleville since 1866. Martin W. Schaefer,

**VALLEY STEEL COMPANY**, Manufacturers of Steel Billets, Slabs, Nails, Rails, Channels and Merchant Steel. Offices 415 Locust Street, St. Louis. B. L. Adams, General Sales Agent.—One of those great industrial corporations which have so successfully maintained the eminent position of Belleville's manufacturers is the Valley Steel Company. It is successor to the Belleville Steel Company and manufactures steel billets, slabs, nails, rails, channels and merchant steel. The extensive works of this corporation are at Belleville and comprise two plants—Waugh Steel Plant and Rolling Mills and the Valley Nail Mill. The two concerns together employ 800 men, the pay roll for both per

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month being \$40,000. The officers are: Chas. A. McNair, Pres.; T. A. Meyenburg, V. Prest.; F. W. Oliver, Secy., & Treas. C. C. Hall, one of the managers at Belleville has been connected with steel industry ever since graduating at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Mass., in 1882. W. H. Pace, manager of one of the plants, is a native of Jefferson County, Ill. and has been in the iron and steel business fourteen years. They are both well worthy of the confidence the company places in them. The character and magnitude of the company's operations are duly appreciated in Belleville and its importance in helping building up the city's prosperity is generally recognized.

**WANGELIN BROS.**, Jobbers in Fruits, Candies, Nuts, Etc., 118 East Main Street.—Belleville, is the "banner city" in the present era of growth in Illinois. Her citizens are progressive and their enterprise the most ably directed. Prominent among such are Wangelin Bros., men who have risen to their present position from sheer push and enterprise. They have been established three years and are doing a rushing business as jobbers of fruits, candies, nuts, etc. They also peddle fruits to all the smaller towns around Belleville. The premises they occupy are 30x90 feet in extent. Wangelin Bros., are natives of Lebanon, Ill. They employ two assistants. They are men whose career bears evidence of integrity and personal worth.

**WEBER & SON**, Plumbers, Gas and Steam Fitters, Pumps a Specialty, 19 South High Street.—A distinguishing characteristic of the American people is the spirit of universal enterprise that prevails in almost every location. Weber & Son, the popular plumbers of Belleville, were established six years ago. They occupy ample premises 20x50 feet in extent and employ four assistants in the prosecution of the first-class business transacted. John Weber is a native of Germany. He is an I. O. O. F., K. of H. and K. & L. His son, Ed. S. Weber, is a native of Belleville. The splendid success of the firm has been obtained by close attention to the wants of customers and a thorough understanding of the trade, acquired only by study and hard work.

**JOHN H. SIEFERT & SON**, Collectors, Real Estate and Loan Agents. Office No. 2; 8. E. Cor. Court House.—The responsible firm of John H. Siefert & Son, are recognized authorities on lands and city and country realty and those relying on their judgment and advice will secure remunerative investments! They are collectors, real estate and loan agents. Money to loan at current rates upon real estate, in sums to suit borrower and rents collected. Collections of all kinds made in St. Clair and adjoining Counties. Collections for business houses a specialty. All business will receive immediate and proper attention. Correspondence solicited. They respectfully refer to Geo. W. Wall, Judge of Appellate Court, DuQuoin; B. R. Burroughs, Judge of Circuit Court, Edwardsville; M. W. Schaefer, State's Attorney St. Clair County, Belleville; Hon. Phil. H. Postel, Mascoutah; C. Andel, Cashier of First National Bank, Belleville; —————— Hon. W. M. Morrison, Waterloo; WM. Ellison & Son, Phoenix Iron Works, St. Louis; Monzo Wilderman, Judge Circuit Court, Belleville. The business was started in 1862 by John H. Siefert, who is a native

of Germany; his son and partner, Wm. E. Siefert, Notary Public being a native of Belleville. Both partners are actively engaged in business and customers can rest assured of having their best interests sedulously cared for and of securing substantial advantages.

**J. D. Langley**, Sheriff.—Among the most useful and enterprising men to be found in St. Clair County is the subject of our sketch, J. D. Langley, County Sheriff. Mr. Langley was born and raised in Callaway County, Mo. He was elected sheriff of St. Clair County, on the 11th of April, 1893, prior to which he held several important positions in East St. Louis. He was first connected for some time with the St. Louis National Stock Yards; afterwards four years Sergeant of Police there and then deputy sheriff for two years. He is prominently identified with the K. of P. He is one of the most capable men that the county has ever had in the sheriff's office and is cut out for a sheriff, quick, active and fearless. He has also a pleasant and affable manner and is always on hand where duty calls him.

**ST. CLAIR TITLE OFFICE**, H. E. Schrader, Notary Public and Manager. In Court House, Belleville.—Mr. H. E. Schrader, is known to possess eminent business and executive ability. His office was established in 1862 and the large business transacted is evidence of the fine management. In all dealings in real estate the first and most important consideration is to obtain a perfectly clear title. In this respect investors in St. Clair Co. are peculiarly favored in having such a reliable abstract office as the above. The books were constructed by an experienced corps of abstracters and draughtsmen and Mr. Schrader possesses one of the most practical sets of St. Clair abstracts in existence. He is a native of Germany and has lived thirty years in Belleville. He is qualified by education, judgment taste and long experience to lead in his particular business.

**CHAS. BECKER**, Recorder of Deeds of St. Clair County.—One of the popular men of St. Clair County and whom it is a pleasure to make a passing notice of in our work on Southern Illinois is Mr. Chas. Becker, who has been Recorder of Deeds since December, 1892. He is a native of Germany and has lived twenty-one years in St. Clair County. Before he was elected Recorder of Deeds, he taught several years and was Postmaster at Freeburg, Ill. He is one of our staunch citizens and is eminently worthy of the success he has met with.

**FLEISCHBEIN'S**, 21 East Main Street.—In listing those enterprises which help to contribute to the business of this prosperous city, due mention should be made of Fleischbein's the only fine Bar in the city. It has been established ten years. Only the choicest and best of wines, liquors and cigars are served here by courteous and civil attendants. A specialty is made of the old stock of the following brands, "Belle of Nelson," "Saratoga Rye," "O. F. C. Taylor." The establishment is beautifully equipped with the modern conveniences and has numerous electric fans during the hot months. Mr. Fleischbein is a native of Belleville. By able and popular management he has built up a large and fine trade.

**H. M. NEEDLES**, Real Estate; Basement, Court House.—Mr. Needles, by profession an attorney-at-law, has been engaged ten years in the real estate business. All descriptions of city and suburban realty are bought, sold and rented and a general collection business is done. Money is loaned on real estate and the best terms are offered to patrons. Mr. Needles is a native of Illinois and has lived sixteen years in Belleville. He is a Knight Templar and a K. of P. He is much respected in local trade circles and numbered among the city's active and energetic men.

**M. R. HILGARD**, Plumbing in all its Branches. Gas and Steam Fitting. Gas, Electric and Combi-

nation Fixtures. No. 12 South High St.—An efficient exponent of this branch of skilled industry is M. R. Hilgard. He was established in September, 1893. He does plumbing and sanitary work of all kinds, including the laying of terra cotta steam pipes, making sewer connections, gas and steam fittings, etc. The stock of gas, electric and combination fixtures is first-class in all particulars and four assistants are employed in the establishment. Mr. Hilgard furnishes estimates for work of every description and the facilities of his thoroughly equipped establishment are ample for the prompt execution of all matters entrusted to his charge. From its inception the business has steadily developed and a liberal trade been secured.

## COLLINSVILLE.

As early as 1817 the Collins brothers, Augustus, Anson and Michael, came west from Connecticut and upon arriving at the site of the city, which now bears their name, tarried long enough to note and recognize its eligibility as a point for business enterprises and to buy the property from its owner John A. Cook. They erected a distillery, a storehouse, wagon and carpenter shop, grist mill, operated by ox-power, a cooper shop, a smithy and several dwellings. They likewise put up a church building and shortly afterward, being joined by two other brothers, started a tanyard and shoe shop. All these various industries attracted population and business and quite a settlement grew up, known to local history as Unionsville.

The first plat of the town was recorded in 1837, in the name of Mrs. Elizabeth W. Collins. In 1850 Collinsville was incorporated as a village and was the center of a prosperous and growing trade. Between this time and 1868, futile and disastrous efforts were made at intervals to connect the place with the outside world by means of railroads, but one cause or another intervened and it was not until the year last mentioned when, what is now the great Vandalia line, was completed to Collinsville; it was opened up for traffic between St. Louis and Terre Haute in 1870. The completion of the railway marked the beginning of a new era for our beautiful little city. Business increased, population came in rapidly, new enterprises were set on foot, additional coal mines were opened and developed and the place became so lively a business center, that in 1872 a city organization was substituted for that of village government. Its progress since 1872 has been surely but steadily upward, both in respect of business prosperity and also in population, the estimate, based on correct data, of its inhabitants at this writing, being 4,500 as against 2,889, in 1880.

Among the inducements which caused the founders of Collinsville to locate here and build up around them, was the admirable location of the place. The City is built on an elevated plateau, dividing the valley of the Cantine, on the south

from the lands watered by the Cahokia creek on the north. The ridge slopes off to these as well as the great American bottom, two or three miles west, is a pleasant succession of hills and dales that lend a charming variety to the landscape and which, from a sanitary point of view, on account of the unequalled drainage afforded, are of inestimable value. Collinsville occupies an altitude 20 feet higher than that of the St. Louis bridge.

The country surrounding Collinsville is undulating, the soil being rich and productive. The prosperous farmers, who contribute greatly to the wealth and welfare of the city, reside in comfortable homes, which are reached by pleasant drives. These last proving no little attraction to the home-seeker from the city, or to him who desires a residence amid sylvan shades, with picturesque and healthful surroundings. And among the chief charms to the stranger who drops in upon us, whether he be on pleasure bent, or aim to pitch his tent amid the quiet and beauty of Collinsville's environment, are the many delightful spots whereupon to erect the princely and pretentious residence for the rich, or the pretty and tasteful and humbler cottage for the wage-earner.

It may be briefly suggested, at this juncture, that our coal mines are practically inexhaustible, their output underlies the very ridges and spurs upon which the town is built and the black diamonds are, therefore, abundant and cheap. The facilities for shipping are ample for all needs, the Vandalia's treatment of manufacturers and business men being liberal. The passenger service on this line is sufficient for the present demands made upon it by the traveling public and will be increased as necessity arises.

In the last five years Collinsville has largely "built up." Its landowners imbued with a spirit of enterprise have laid out much property in valuable lots the improvements embracing the modern ideas as regards to drainage, roads, sidewalks, water supply etc. The additions have been easily

sold and rented and the seeker after a home or a retreat from business cares, can find in no other community more attractive, convenient and comfortable opportunities for the investment of his earnings.

The city has a perfect system of water works, with ample capacity to meet the growth of population for many years to come.

The center of the town is remarkably well paved and it has been done without any extra tax on the citizens. In fact Collinsville finances have always been carefully managed and for four and five years at a stretch, no city tax has been levied at all.

The town has a number of good church buildings among which the Presbyterian, Catholic, Methodist, Episcopalian, Lutheran, colored Baptist and colored Methodist may be mentioned.

Collinsville has a Royal Arch Chapter of Free-Masonry, and Oddfellow's Encampment, lodges of the K. of P., K. of H., K. & L. of H., A. L. of H., C. K. of A., A. O. H., M. W. A., G. A. R., J. C. D., Enterprise Fire Co.

The facilities for education comprise two public and two parochial schools, Catholic and Lutheran.

One public school of 12 rooms is for white, the Lincoln school for colored children has two teachers.

There are three commodious halls in the city, Temperance, Mersinger and City. Each of these is provided with a stage and ample seating accommodation and the amusement-loving public is treated at frequent intervals to entertainments by home and outside talent, given in them.

Convenient to the main portion of the city are three pleasant parks, unbrazeous spots, where our people and their families and friends can find relief from care. These are the Collinsville, the Bohemian and the G. A. R.

The town has two building and loan associations, both with ample capital and both prosperous.

Collinsville has three cemeteries, Glenwood, the Catholic and the Lutheran.

Collinsville has two banks and an Adams Express office.

C. A. AMBROSIUS & SONS, Dealers in Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Notions, Groceries and General Merchandise.—Conspicuous among the leading mercantile houses in the city of Collinsville, is that of C. A. Ambrosius & Sons, which ever since its establishment has been one of the most popular and best patronized stores in the county. The premises consist of two adjoining stores, 30x75 feet and 28x75 feet. Eight assistants are required. They are heavy dealers in dry goods, boots and shoes, notions, groceries and general merchandise. Everything handled by them is first-class in quality and may be purchased at the lowest prices consistent with fair dealing. Mr. Ambrosius is a native of Germany, his two sons of Collinsville. By their business ability, energy and honorable dealings, they have deservedly established a liberal and permanent trade both in this city and surrounding country.

JOHN MALTER, Groceries, Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes.—Among the prosperous mercantile establishments on this busy thoroughfare, will be found that of John Malter, established four years ago. The premises on Main Street are well arranged and supplied with all the requisite facilities

for the prosecution of a large business. Mr. Malter employs two assistants and deals in groceries, dry goods, boots and shoes. His motto is "low prices and reliable goods." He is a native of Madison County. Mr. Malter has had a thorough experience in the business carried on and is enabled to give the utmost satisfaction to all patrons.

CHARLES TIEDEMANN MILLING CO., Roller Process. Home Office, O'Fallon, Ills.—Among the industries of Collinsville, which deserve favorable notice in our work, we particularly notice the Chas. Tiedemann Milling Co., consisting of the Richland Mills, capacity 400 barrels, O'Fallon, Ill., established 1861, Valley Mills, Capacity 300 barrels, Collinsville, Ill., established 1882. The officers are as follows: Jennie Tiedemann, Pres.; Samuel C. Smiley, Vice-Pres.; Geo. W. Tiedemann, Treas.; Louis F. Fischer, Secretary and Manager. These mills have always maintained a high reputation, so much so that they have no competition. The building at Collinsville is very large and is fitted up with the best and most improved machinery and other appliances, all of which combine to make them the equal of any in the west. The mills are along side of the Vandalia R. R. and thus have ample facilities for shipping with dispatch. "Choice Family" and "Extra Family Flour" are manufactured and a heavy business is done, chiefly exporting. L. P. Kraft, manager at Collinsville is a native of St. Louis. He is well known in this section for his frankness and business ability.

MERRILL ANTIDOTAL CURE CO.—In compiling a professional and business review of Southern Illinois, a position of well-earned prominence should be accorded the intelligent gentleman, who forms the subject of our sketch. Dr. S. G. Merrill is a native of Michigan and graduate of the Missouri Homeopathic Medical College. He has been practising nine years here and is general manager of the famous corporation the Merrill Antidotal Cure Co. (incorporated), manufacturers and dealers in Merrill's Antidotal Cures. The officers are: C. F. Sepmeyer, President; J. H. Kuhlenbeck, Secretary and Treasurer and Dr. S. G. Merrill, General Manager. These great diphtheria cures are known and sold the world over and have never yet in a single instance failed to cure a case of diphtheria. Dr. Merrill very justly claims to be the greatest diphtheria specialist of the day and such he has a right to claim, until proved otherwise. He is esteemed as among the foremost and most enlightened physicians and benefactors in the Great West.

D. W. JONES, Baker, Confectioner and Manufacturer of Home Made Candies.—The Americans are the largest consumers of confectionery and candy in the world and the products of our manufacturers of these articles of food can compare favorably in every way with even those of France. Mr. D. W. Jones, baker, confectioner and manufacturer of pure home made candies, was established in 1879. He occupies ample premises on Main Street 22x80 feet in extent and employs three assistants in the prosecution of business. Oysters and ice cream in season. Mr. Jones is held in the highest estimation in social and commercial circles, his success being an illustration of what can be accomplished by business principles correctly applied.

**T. H. SCHMIDT**, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Groceries, Boots & Shoes, Dry Goods, General Merchandise.—Among the successful wholesale and retail mercantile establishments of Collinsville, that of T. H. Schmidt stands prominent. He was established ten years ago and brings to bear exceptional qualifications as regards experience, ability and influential connections. He occupies a large double store, 42x70 feet and employs three assistants. He carries at all times a varied and complete assortment of groceries, boots and shoes, dry goods and in fact, everything usually found in first-class general merchandise houses. Mr. Schmidt was raised in Collinsville and first started here in 1873 in the hardware line for ten years, previous to embarking in his present enterprise. He is a member of the Lutheran church and is one who by merit has achieved a high position for mercantile integrity and intelligence. He was one of the founders of the Collinsville Building and Loan Association, of which he has been treasurer since its organization. It is the largest financial institution in the county.

**COLLINSVILLE MERCANTILE CO.**—This well-known corporation known as the Collinsville Mercantile Co., incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois has a paid up capital of \$10,000. The business place fronts 132 feet on Main Street by 150 feet in depth; the and repair shop attached. The company make a specialty of dry goods, notions, millinery, clothing, boots, shoes, groceries, drugs, meats, queensware, hardware, stoves, tinware, buggies, implements, etc., each and all of which are famous for superior quality and moderate prices. Mr. C. A. Singletary, manager, has lived many years in Collinsville while principal of the Collinsville schools and made his first acquaintance here with business in the line of millinery twenty-one years ago. He is considered in business circles a man of worth and one who has rendered valuable service to Collinsville. He is Gen'l Organizer for the Labor Exchange, an organization which he thinks is to revolutionize and simplify our national finance preventing strikes and alleviating the suffering of our poor.

**J. W. EDMONSON**, Postmaster.—One of the oldest families located in this section is that of the Edmonsons, who first settled here in 1817. Success to a very large extent in any branch of business or vocation depends to a great degree upon intelligent proficiency, which involves a thoroughly practical knowledge of and attention to details. Combining these characteristics in an eminent degree does the subject of our sketch. J. W. Edmonson was born in Illinois and has lived thirteen years in Collinsville. He has been postmaster since 1st, August, 1894, previous to which he was connected for many years with railroading. He is a gentlemen of character and sterling qualities and is one calculated ever to materially aid and increase the general prosperity of this city and section.

**COMMERCIAL HOTEL**.—This is the leading hotel of the city, the able proprietress of which is Mrs. Sanders. There are twenty-six rooms in the house, well and neatly furnished. Mrs. Sanders, by able management, has secured an increasing custom and thoroughly deserves the success she has won.

**J. H. PEARSON**, Dealer in Fresh and Salt Meats.—One of the most prosperous and enterprising men in Collinsville, is J. H. Pearson, proprietor of the Central Market. He was established six years ago and employs two assistants in the transaction of the first-class business in fresh and salt meats, fish, poultry, game, etc. Mr. Pearson is a native of Cheshire, England. Enterprise, energy and uniform courtesy characterize the principles upon which he carries on business.

**W. E. HADLEY**, Attorney-at-Law.—This gentleman is one of the most conscientious among those whose names grace the Bar of Madison County. He is a native of Collinsville and graduated in 1893 from the McKendree Law School, Lebanon, Ill. He also does an insurance business. Collections are a specialty. Mr. Hadley is a member of Collinsville Lodge No. 712, A. F. & A. M. During his eighteen months practice in this city, he has conducted some large cases to a successful issue. He is a well read lawyer of a thoroughly practical turn and a just addition to the talent of our city.

**COLLINSVILLE BANK**, Belt Brothers & Co.—The Collinsville Bank, was established in 1883 and from its inception has received a liberal patronage from the best city and suburban custom and it is classed among the leading financial institutions of the state. They are bankers and exchange dealers; collections a specialty. Belt Brothers & Co., are also bankers and exchange dealers at Bunker Hill, Ill. At Collinsville, Mr. J. I. Dillard, Cashier, is the gentleman in charge. He is a native of Illinois and is highly respected in commercial circles.

**A. NEUSTADT**.—Capt. A Neustadt has had no less than forty years experience as an attorney-at-law. He is a native of Austria and graduate of the University of Prague. He is Notary Public, real estate and general collection agent. The Captain is a member of the G. A. R. and served in the 14th Ill., Inf. He belonged twenty-five years to the Harnegari Society. He prosecutes his business with a care and assiduity which deservedly command for him the respect of his fraternity and the confidence of the people.

**BLUM MANUFACTURING CO.**—The subject of our sketch, was started fourteen years ago. They make a specialty of stock bells of which they sell from eight to twelve thousand per annum. The greatest care is taken to secure the best materials and to pursue the best methods of manufacture. The result is the high standard maintained by their goods and the unvarying satisfaction they afford to customers. C. G. Blum is a native of Germany; Henry Blum of Collinsville. The character and magnitude of their operations are duly appreciated here and this concern's importance in building up the city's prosperity is generally recognized.

**JOHN WEBER**, Meat Market.—A representative establishment in the city of Collinsville is that of John Weber, whose premises located on Main Street are 25x50 feet in dimensions and are well arranged for this business. All that is sold here is of the best quality. Two assistants are employed. Mr. Weber is a native of Madison County and by fair and equitable dealing, has secured a patronage and reared a business which places him among the foremost exponents of his branch of industry.

## HIGHLAND.

During 1836 and 1837 the state of Illinois projected a number of railroads among which was one from Alton to Mt. Carmel on the Wabash river and which would pass through the township in which Highland now is.

This gave rise to much land speculation along the proposed line and it was then that General Semple with five others secured from the government 100 acres on which they started what is now the city of Highland. It was platted off in 45 blocks each having twelve lots of 50 by 140 ft.; the chief streets were six in number running from east to west and the cross streets nine, running north and south. All the streets were sixty feet wide except the one through which the railroad was to come, which was one hundred.

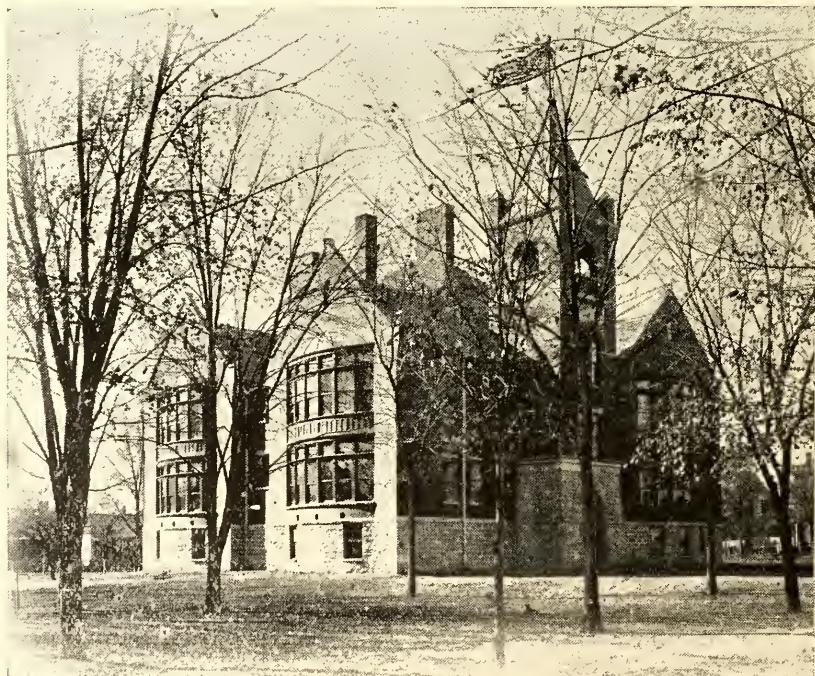
By Gen. Semple's wish, he being a Scotchman, the place was called Highland.

The most northerly street was called Washington, next Pestalozzi, Troxler, Zschokke, Franklin and the most southerly Jefferson. The cross streets

commencing at the west were Mulberry, Lemon, Walnut, Laurel, Cherry, Pine, Locust, Cypress and Olive.

On the main square lots were sold at eighty dollars and soon a number were purchased and frame houses, where the owners had their stores below and living rooms above, were erected. The northwest side seemed to be the most popular and became more thickly built up.

The early days of Highland were filled with many humorous incidents when no manner of forms were observed and each man was the associate and friend of the other. The days were passed in close attention to business and the evenings to sociability and jollity. The people were not all rich enough to enjoy the luxuries and even the necessities of life. Some could not afford stoves and wood to burn in them was not easily procurable and in winter the children and the more delicate could not well get up mornings till it grew warmer. In many of the houses barrels



Public School.

would serve for tables and boxes for chairs. Notwithstanding these draw backs however, these brave pioneers kept a stiff upper lip. They farmed their own patches of land industriously and trade kept continually coming their way. Corn bread, bacon and coffee formed the staple articles of food both for breakfast and dinner and notwithstanding the chicory in the coffee, many an old settler will relate how it tasted as fine as that of any Parisian coffee house.

By the fall of 1838 quite a number of houses were built and a good carpenter and a blacksmith had settled in the town and both built themselves shops; when work was slack they cultivated their little farms. By the close of the year 1839 several emigrants had come here some from Switzerland, some from Germany and also from Ohio and New York to help build up the new settlement. Next year David Thorpe was appointed the first postmaster and in the same year four families came from Louisville, Ky., among them an apothecary who promptly opened a store. A fairly good road was opened to St. Louis and goods could be got from there in a reasonably quick time. In this year the first regular musical entertainment was held, which has continued to the present day, the same being a means of bringing the people, together and making them well acquainted with one another.

The inhabitants were about equally divided between Saxon and Teuton, one half spoke English and the other half German. In August of that year fifty-four foreigners from Edwardsville came and settled in the neighborhood of Highland and a few weeks later sixty-eight Swiss came direct from their native country and settled on farms around the town.

The first free school was opened this fall and also a German private school. The town has now one of the finest school houses in the country and of it we give an illustration.

A bakery was started this spring and also a brewery.

The panic of 1842 affected the little town very much, but with industry and economy the people managed to pull through and 1843 saw them in better condition than they ever were before. A new inn was built, also some stores and arrangements were made so that fresh meat could be got every day. A whisky distillery and cigar factory were started.

During the Mexican War, Highland organized a first class artillery company which after a thorough training went to the front and gained considerable distinction, returning home covered with laurels.

The Cholera visited Highland in 1849 and carried off quite a number of persons.

The Highland of to-day is one of the many thriving substantial towns to be found in Illinois. Its people are industrious, enterprising and honest and the surrounding farmers are likewise "well fixed."

The town has one of the largest establishments in the world making condensed milk; and also an embroidery factory employing 150 hands. It has Lutheran, Catholic, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian Churches and all ordinary lines of business represented. The people are (Germanlike) remarkably hospitable and anyone making a stay

with them will ever remember the pleasant treatment he will receive.

**FRED. B. SUPPIGER,** Building Materials, Lumber, Etc.—The lumber trade is one of the most important branches of mercantile activity in the United States and probably gives employment to more people than any other line of business. Fred. B. Suppiger, the subject of our sketch, was established fourteen years ago. He is an extensive dealer in all kinds of building materials, lumber, lime, cement, plaster of Paris, etc.; sash, doors, blinds, mouldings, sewer pipes, etc. The facilities Mr. Suppiger possesses for successfully conducting his extensive business are of a most complete character. He is one of the Directors of the Illinois Retail Lumber Dealers' Association. Mr. Suppiger is a native of Highland. He is a Mason and belongs to the Tancrede Commandery, No. 50, Belleville. He is a K. of H. and A. O. U. W. He is practically experienced in every detail of the lumber business and is qualified for conducting the enterprise with ever increasing success.

**HIGHLAND F. M. B. A. ELEVATOR COMPANY.**—Progress is the order of the day in the city of Highland, which so successfully maintains her supremacy, amid the strenuous efforts of less powerful or less favorably located rivals. The Highland F. M. B. A. Elevator Company was organized four years ago. They do a heavy business in grain, flour, day, farm implements and seeds. The officers of the Company, are: Frank Lorenz, President; J. O. Riegel, Treasurer. A. Labhardt, manager, is a native of Switzerland and has lived ten years in Highland. He is a Blue Lodge Mason. He is esteemed in mercantile circles of the city as one thoroughly conversant with the details of the enterprise engaged in and is deserving of success and patronage.

**C. L. MAECHTLEN,** Photographic Studio. Dealer in and Manufacturers' Agent of Bicycles.—A prominent establishment of Highland, in its particular branch of trade, is that of C. L. Maechtlen. He is the enterprising proprietor of the Highland Photographic Studio. He makes a specialty of every branch in his profession and many of his high class productions are to be seen in the homes of our best people. He is also dealer in and manufacturers' agent of high and medium grade bicycles and sundries at reasonable prices. Mr. Maechtlen is a native of Wurtemberg, Germany and came to America when four years of age. He was raised in Milwaukee. He affiliates with the Masons.

**FRED. KEMPF,** Apothecary and Druggist. Paints and Oils.—One of the representative houses of the city, is that of Fred. Kempf, who first established here in 1869. He sold out in 1892 and started running the business again in 1890. The premises are ample for the transaction of the prosperous business. The pharmacy department is completely equipped with every facility for the prompt and accurate compounding of physicians' prescriptions and family recipes. Mr. Kempf was raised in Belleville. He is practically experienced in every detail of the business and is indefatigable in his efforts to give the utmost satisfaction to patrons.

**HIGHLAND MILLING CO.**—The Highland Milling Co. was organized four years ago and from the inception have maintained a high reputation. The building is four stories and basement and is fitted up with the best and most improved machinery and other appliances, all of which combine to make them the equal of any in the West or elsewhere. They do an exporting business. They have a capacity of 500 barrels of flour every twenty-four hours. Twenty men are required on the premises. C. S. Seybt, Pres., is a native of Germany; Geo. Roth, Vice-Pres., was raised in Highland; A. Ruegger, Sec'y., who has the management of the mills, is a native of Highland. These gentlemen are well respected, while their long experience and general reputation entitle them to be regarded as one of the representative concerns of southern Illinois.

**NORTHCOTT, FRITZ & STREUBER, Attorneys-at-Law and Notaries Public.**—This firm, by common consent, is conceded to stand in the front rank of the Bar in Southern Illinois. W. A. Northcott, is a native of Virginia and is head counsel for the Modern Woodmen of America. F. W. Fritz, born in Illinois, is State's Attorney for Bond County, Ill. J. P. Streuber, a native of Illinois speaks German fluently. He is City Attorney at Highland. Abstracts of titles, writing of wills, deeds, Mortgages, etc., strictly attended to. Also a good line of real estate and insurance. Money to loan. The firm's practice is chiefly confined to Madison, Clinton and Bond Counties.

**DR. EMIL SCHÄER, Dentist.**—As a leading exponent of dentistry, Dr. Emil Schaeer is worthy of special mention in our review. He has been established here three years. He is a native of Switzerland, where he studied dentistry—also took a winter course at St. Louis, where he received a diploma. He is a graduate of the Missouri Dental College. Thus it is that the Doctor is practically experienced in every detail of the work and has attained so liberal a patronage.

**SCHWARZ & STEDLER, Manufacturers of Fine Cigars and Dealers in Tobacco and Smoker's Articles.**—Among the well-conducted establishments in the city of Highland, is that forming the immediate subject of our sketch. Mr. Louis Schwarz, the

senior member of the firm, was established eight years ago, the present combination of Schwarz & Stedler having been formed in November, 1894. They are extensive manufacturers of fine cigars, which are noted for their fine flavor and superior quality. They are also dealers in tobacco and smokers' articles. Upwards of ten experienced cigar makers are constantly employed. Messrs. Schwarz & Stedler are natives of Highland. They have won a liberal patronage and the esteem of all with whom they are brought in contact.

**ADOLPH MUELLER, Drugs, Books, Stationery, Fancy Goods, Etc.**—Mr. Mueller is a native of Germany and came to America in 1860. He established in the drug business in St. Louis in 1862, where he was proprietor of the North St. Louis Drug Store. He established in the drug business in Highland in 1869. Here may be found a complete assortment of drugs and chemicals, proprietary medicines, toilet articles, druggist's sundries, books, stationery and fancy goods. Mr. Mueller is an A. O. U. W., K. of H. and member of the G. A. R. He served in the 3rd Mo. and was Hospital Steward during the war, resigning in 1862—the year he established in St. Louis.

**CHAS. SCHLETTINGER, Dealer in all Kinds of Furniture. Leading Undertaker and Embalmer.**—Among the foremost establishments in its branch of trade, is that of Chas. Schleettinger, successor to Geo. Schleettinger, established thirty years ago. The premises 50x110 feet have every requisite facility at hand for the advantageous conduct of a first-class business. A large and varied stock of furniture is kept, embracing all the finest designs and most fashionable styles. In this house everything pertaining to modern undertaking is executed. Mr. Schleettinger is a native of Highland and is thoroughly skilled in his dual profession.

**WESTERN HOTEL,** Adolph Kuntzmann, Prop.—A deservedly popular city hostelry is the Western Hotel of Highland, which since it came into the new management of the present proprietor, Adolph Kuntzmann, has bounded into the favor of the public. The house is admirably arranged throughout with all the modern adjuncts of elegance and comfort.

## EAST ST. LOUIS.

"They spilled a mighty good farm when they planted a town on this here location" said a farmer from the American Bottom, which remark within limits may be true enough, but it is certainly plain that the site possessed too many advantages as a centre for commercial traffic and enterprise of every kind to be left undisturbed in the possession of the man with the hoe. It is admitted that, while her geographical position is one of exceptional and manifest importance, so much cannot be said for the natural or physical situation; cities however must be made by men and after all with the splendid bulwark of levees and dykes to protect her from the ravages of the Father of Floods and the excellent system of sewerage introduced into East St. Louis of late years, there is little objection to be taken to any very disadvantageous conditions to be looked for on account of its lack of elevation. The floods of 1892 which were higher even than the famous high-water of 1858 resulted in no damage of serious nature in any part of the city and with the establishment of high grades it is believed that all danger from overflow is a thing of the past.

East St. Louis was incorporated as a city under the Act of the General Assembly of July, 1872, on the 28th day of August, 1888. Of the earlier stages of her existence but little can be said, at least not very favorably; the town showed a certain growth and development but as years passed she seemed to retrograde rather than advance and held a reputation of which her more thoughtful citizens were anything but proud. East St. Louis of to-day is a very different place and may really be said to date from eight years back when the people, tired of municipal mal-administration, entrusted the name and future of their city to hands eminently worthy to support them with the dignity and address necessary for safe conduct.

It is not intended to give any detailed historical sketch of the city's rise beyond a few brief facts to trace its earliest beginnings, so that it would be doubly out of place to enquire into any of the causes which tended to restrain her growth in the past. The object is rather to call attention to East St. Louis as she is to-day, to bring the notice of the business world her material wealth and many advantages for manufacturers, for commerce, for enterprise of every class and her unrivalled facilities for the collection and distribution of the commodities of every quarter, particularly those which are yielded in abundance from the bountiful and fertile areas that lie tributary to this point.

The territory lying to the northwest of the Ohio River, which had latterly come under the dominion of the State of Virginia, was ceded to the confederated States in 1774 and thirteen years later Con-

gress passed the necessary ordinances providing for its temporary government. During the interval, Governor Clark had formed what was called the County of Illinois, including in its area all the settlements along the Mississippi River. After the passing of the ordinance referred to Arthur St. Clair, a Scotchman who had emigrated to this country shortly before the war of Independence, appointed Governor of the Northwest territory in 1790, formed all these river colonies into the County of St. Clair, with the French village St. Famille de Kaoquias (Cahokia) as the capital or seat of county government. Six years later the County of Randolph was constituted, with historic Old' Kaskia as its judicial centre and these two were the first counties of what now became known as Indiana Territory, so that St. Clair County is not only the oldest county of Illinois but really ante-dates the state itself in its corporate existence. Her original metes and bounds as determined by Gov. St. Clair are rather interesting: "All and singular the lands lying and being within the following boundaries to-wit: beginning at the mouth of the Michilimakinack River, the Makinack River between lakes Huron and Michigan, thence southerly in a direct line to the mouth of the Little river above Fort Massac upon the Ohio River, thence with said river to its junction with the Mississippi, thence up the Mississippi to the mouth of the Illinois River and so up the Illinois River to the place of beginning, shall be the County of St. Clair." A goodly inheritance but destined to be subdivided many times in the course of the ensuing century. The county seat was removed from Cahokia to Belleville, then called Compton Heights, in 1814.

The existence of East St. Louis dates from about 1792, at which time Captain James Piggott received a charter from Governor Trudeau, of Missouri, to establish a ferry between this point and St. Louis, which was then a thriving town with about 1200 population, in connection with which he built a bridge on the Illinois Road over Cahokia Creek, or Riviere a l'abbe, as the old settlers called it, the bridge being located near the end of Trendley Avenue of the present day. In 1797 the ferry was established in full working order, the main feature of its equipment being a large platform boat or pirogue; the river was then a swift running stream, seventy or eighty feet deep and comparatively narrow so that passengers on the opposite bank could attract the ferrymen's attention with the customary cry of "over-look!" Captain Piggott died in 1799 after which the ferry came into the hands of Samuel Wiggins who sold it to the predecessors of the present corporation in 1832; it attracted both travel and trade and indeed made the beginning of East St. Louis and the city, whose

importance we are endeavoring to set forth, can be said to have expanded from the two log-cabins erected by Capt. Piggott in 1797. The first attempt at a regular settlement was in 1817, when Illinois town was laid out on the East bank of Cahokia Creek; Illinois city built on part of Cahokia Commons, now in the 4th Ward, followed in the same year and twenty years later the town of St. Clair was platted, all of which were embraced in the town which was platted under the name of Illinois town and entered for record on the 25th November, 1839. In 1861 it was granted a charter incorporating it as a town under the name of East St. Louis and giving it largely increased boundaries and four years later, on January 17th, 1865, its first city charter was received. Low ground and high water were difficulties with which the makers of this city had had to contend and it is rather interesting to note that its first levee or dyke was a gift which was actually forced upon them by the city of St. Louis, Mo. In 1846 that city, along with certain owners of property on the Illinois side projected and began the construction of a dyke from the west side of Bloody Island to the Illinois shore, Illinois considering this an invasion of her state rights raised legal proceedings which found their way to the supreme court, but that court, not holding authority in the matter, the case went before the Legislature, which in 1849 passed an act authorizing St. Louis to proceed with the dyke and construct a high-way upon it. The floods of 1851 swept it away and the present one what is now known as West Broadway, was constructed a little to the north of the original and completed at a cost of \$175,000, nearly all of which was borne by the city of St. Louis. Other levees and dykes followed and now with the additional many elevated railroad grades, the business portions of the city seem practically secure from any inundations.

In 1872, at which time the population was about 5,000, plans were prepared for establishing grades and sewers upon a permanent basis, but as the city was already at the limit of indebtedness permitted by its character an injunction was laid against proceeding with the work and it was reserved for Mayor Stephens and his associates to commence these improvements fifteen years later. The Eads Bridge which was begun in 1869 was completed in 1874 at a cost of \$6,536,730.00, forming an important connection between the east and west sides of the Mississippi Valley and was at once found to be a valuable link between the ores of the west and the immense coal fields of this section. The following year was signalized by the erection of the high-grade building in the city at the corner of Main street and Broadway, now occupied by the Workingmen's Banking Company. It was fifteen feet above the level of the street at that time and was by some considered rather an eccentricity on the part of its owner, but subsequent events have proved the accuracy of his foresight and the high grade then suggested has since been recognized as proper and necessary to successfully guard against high water contingencies.

East St. Louis "redivivus" or, as she is sometimes called the Queen City of Egypt, has made wonderful progress during the eight years of her existence and now in point of commercial importance is considered to be the second city of the State. It is

the terminus of twenty-seven lines of railway which radiate in all directions and has lines to the South, West and Northwest which own their bridges and therefore enter into direct competition with the St. Louis Bridge, making rates which other roads must meet. Her facilities for transportation and commercial intercourse by rail and waterways are not only exceedingly ample but are excelled by no city in the Union; she has over 400 miles of terminals, access to 20,000 miles of river navigation and within a wide radius can ship freights cheaper than any city of like importance.

The city's area is nearly six square miles and the prospects are that her boundaries will be extended considerably within a short time, as several of the outlying districts are petitioning for annexation. There are two miles of granite pavements, four miles of paved streets (rip-rap) and three quarters of a mile of vitrified brick paving on the principal thoroughfares, besides a number of macadamised streets. There are already over five miles of main sewers and contracts have just been let for paving and sewerage Eighth Street and St. Louis Avenue at an aggregate cost of \$184,000.00; altogether the work in this line contemplated during the present season will amount to \$350,000.00 and upwards. During last year Sixth Street, Pennsylvania Ave., Broadway from Tenth Street to the Belt Line and part of Baugh Avenue and Missouri Avenue were graded and sewered, the total cost being \$176,000.00. West Broadway, an important part of the city's connection with the Eads Bridge, was re-constructed and paved with granite in 1893 at an expenditure of \$25,000.00, an investment from which it reaps considerable benefit in many ways. This is a street which is subjected to a daily traffic such as is perhaps equalled in but few other cities of the world and its improvement was a necessity which had to be provided for in a very substantial manner. Street railway extension is the order of the day and the electric lines ramify in all directions throughout the city and suburbs, running east more than four miles out and to the northwest; they presently run to the extremity of St. Clair Avenue but will soon be extended at least as far as the Exchange Building in the National Stock Yards.

One great factor in the up-building of the city is the water supply which is about as good as it well could be. There is a complete system encircling the city with two pipe lines, 20 and 16 inch respectively and altogether there are about 43 miles of pipes inside the corporation limits. Water is taken from the Mississippi one and a half miles above the centre of the town; there are three low service pumps drawing water into the settling basins, with a capacity of nine million gallons daily, while two high duty pumps, aggregate capacity sixteen millions, are used for its distribution. The water tower is 125 feet high by 20 feet diameter, giving ample pressure for ordinary purposes, while in case of fire, pressure of from 80 to 120 lbs can be furnished direct from the mains to at least twenty-five fire streams. The average daily consumption is four millions, for all purposes; the rates for manufacturing use are six cents per thousand and the domestic rates are based upon those of Evansville and St. Louis. Cheap water and plenty of it has

done much to bring East St. Louis into prominence as a desirable field for manufacturing enterprises and besides she possesses other advantages which should attract those in search of a good factory location; she is within easy and available reach of all that is necessary to contribute to the success and welfare of industries of every class. As the commercial capital of a large area of country endowed with vast wealth of various sorts with easy access at cheap rates to forests of valuable timber and an almost illimitable abundance of coal, and with other minerals close at hand, with cheap sites and light burden of taxation and her magnificent facilities by rail and waterways for the receipt of materials and distribution of her manufactured products, no reason can be conceived that would militate against her becoming one of the great industrial centres of the world. Already a great number of manufacturing enterprises are located here, some are large plants and that there are over twelve thousand persons employed with an aggregate annual payroll of close on \$7,000,000. From this it can be seen that the city is already established upon a substantial basis with sufficient business and number of industries to ensure a steady internal growth and the outlook for the future is unusually promising. Among manufacturing concerns presently in operation we find the Malleable Iron Works, one of the largest concerns in the country, the Freeman Wire and Iron Works, Tode Pulley and Shafting Works, Western Forge Rolling Mills, Tudor Iron Works, Elliot Frog and Switch Works, Obear-Nester Glass Works, Horn's Barrel and Stave Factory, Brewery-Hazel Milling Co. and Kehlor Bros. Flour Mills, two planing mills, Murphy Car Roofing Factory, Cotton Compress, Ice and Cold Storage Co. (25 tons daily capacity), and many smaller concerns not taking any account of the packing houses and the stock yards industry, which are referred to in another place. Work has been begun on a large sugar refinery to be started here by the St. Louis Syrup Refining Co. and a large distilling company also from St. Louis has recently purchased a site upon which they will erect their plant and carry on in connection an extensive cattle-feeding business; these two concerns will each employ about one hundred men. A well known St. Louis manufacturer and ex-congressman has placed himself on record to the effect that the manufacture of iron in any of its forms can be carried on here more cheaply than in any place else in the known world. Certainly raw materials of almost every kind are cheap and the fact that coal is produced so near at hand makes a very marked difference in a factory's bills for fuel. The best Standard coal is laid down at their door for \$1.00 or never higher than \$1.12 1-2 per ton, best screened nut at 87 1-2 cents and other grades range as low as 40 cents per ton. The factories of East St. Louis produced in 1894 goods to the value of over forty million dollars and with the present frequent enquiry for manufacturing sites the prospects seem very favorable that within the course of a few years this amount will be at least doubled.

The enhancement or reverse of the prices of realty enable the prospective investor to gauge the prosperity of a city and the facts bearing upon this question indicate beyond shadow of a doubt, that East St. Louis has had a healthy growth during

these later years. What fluctuation there has been in the real estate market has been from local causes and while prices generally are at a point at which they cannot be expected to advance every few days, they are still low and offer as good opportunities to the investor for income or profit as to those who also desire a cheap location for manufacturing or other business purposes. Indeed in proportion to her size and commercial status, East St. Louis real estate is the cheapest of anything in this section, cheaper indeed than can be readily found in any part of the country, yet but a few years ago it was so much cheaper as to be of almost insignificant value. Property on her main business streets which sells readily at from \$30 to \$250 per foot was selling in 1890 at \$4 to \$50 and in 1900 will be worth at least from \$150 to \$1000. Residence properties, sold from \$300 to \$500 per acre in 1890, now command from \$10 to \$20 by the foot and are steadily enhancing in value. Manufacturing sites may be had at almost any price, being merely a question of location, but in Denverside, the new manufacturing addition, prices run all the way from \$4 to \$20 per front foot, according to the situation.

The cause of increasing values in realty may be readily and naturally accounted for and must not be set down to any boom or mushroom growth. With steady accretions of industrial and commercial enterprises, the town maintains its healthy growth: a large number of new houses have been erected within recent date, the records for last season showing a value of some \$400,000 and the outlook among the builders, for the season upon which they are just entered is said to be very favorable. In the business portion of the city modern store and office buildings are replacing the old-time structures and in every quarter, on every hand improvements are in order. The new High School, opened in February and the new Library, now nearing completion, in themselves represent an expenditure of \$160,000; four other fine schools have been erected within the past few years as well as several churches and a handsome new Catholic church is now under construction in Winstanley Park.

All this building has been done for actual wants and while the progress in these past years has been eminently satisfactory it must not only be sustained but pushed further still to meet the present demand. There is an active enquiry for residence property for purchase and for rental, suited to the people of moderate means and many of the leading real estate men and property owners are taking steps to meet this demand, in which the extension of rapid transit into the more desirable residence districts is lending them much important aid. Foreign and particularly British capital has been largely interested in East St. Louis real estate investments, of which the property known as Lansdown Heights 400 acres in extent, lying about a mile to the east of the National Stock Yards is perhaps the best known.

The assessments for 1894 give aggregate value for all classes of property at \$5,078,219.00, which however owing to the anomalous state of the practice in vogue generally throughout the State, comes far from representing the actual total value, it being conservatively estimated at

thirty millions. The rate of taxation for all purposes is \$5.65 per \$100.00 assessed value or about 35 cents per hundred on actual worth. The Bonded Indebtedness of the city is \$650,000.00 for which the rate of taxation amounts to .0066 per \$100.00.

In 1880 East St. Louis was placed in the census statistics as fifteenth in point of actual wealth among the cities of the state; the census of 1890 showed that she had advanced to the fifth place, being credited with \$20,624,500 and eclipsed only by Chicago, Peoria, Springfield and Bloomington. It should be remembered that of this decade only three years can be taken into account, as from 1880 to 1887 it is admitted that the city was undoubtedly going down hill. During the same period she jumped from twenty-fifth to fourteenth place in population and the six cities immediately ahead only out-classed her by a few figures and practically she shared the seventh position with these others. The 1890 census gave her population at 15,169; now, five years later, it is conservatively estimated at 25,000 and this ratio of increase will place her in 1900 in the same relative position to Chicago in point of population as she now holds in actual wealth.

In almost every review of this character during these last few years of limited enterprise and business depression it has been necessary to make some note of a shrinkage of trade and explain its causes, and indeed the inactivity generally prevailing during the season closed was so potent to everyone that plain facts as to the state of trade in most cities excited no surprise. In East St. Louis however there is no such shrinkage or general dulness to chronicle. There were periods of depression due to various labor disturbances in the coal districts and the railroad strike for example and from these the city suffered some consequences in diminished trade and unsettled confidence, but we may say with truth that she escaped all the more serious effects and neither were there any failures of importance nor were any abnormal conditions developed producing lasting results. In 1893 and 1894 when the finances of the country were in a constricted condition, deposits being largely withdrawn and loans called in by the banks it is a noteworthy fact and a remarkable comment upon the stability and credit of the city, that East St. Louis municipal bonds were so largely sought by bankers and capitalists as to command a good premium and not many of them were to be found in the market at any price.

With an increasing population and steady accessions of commerce, industry and wealth it is gratifying to find that the city in no way comes short of the expectations of her moral and educational growth. The first school was established in East St. Louis in 1841 through the efforts of two public spirited citizens, Captain John Trendley and John Carnes who raised a fund by subscription with which they built a small log school-house, on a site now in the First Ward and hired a teacher to whom some of the prominent men of the city of to-day owe their early training. There are now two school districts in the city. No. I, township N. Range, 210 W. has four schools with forty-five teachers and 2216 enrolled scholars; No. II has one school, seven teachers and 300 scholars and there is the Illinois City School which has eight teachers and about four hundred pupils on its rolls. In 1891

the average daily attendance of pupils "belonging" was 74 per cent. Last year it had been brought up to as high as 85 per cent, while at the High School an unusually excellent record was attained, the average number of pupils being 59 and the average daily attendance 55. The bonded debt of the district is \$107,000, \$10,000 of which bears 6 per cent. interest and the balance is placed at 5 percent. The school tax is \$2.05 per \$100 assessed value. School buildings are all substantial, many fine structures; the value of the new High School, building and ground is \$95,000. It is just opened, having been accepted from the contractors in the end of February; it reflects the utmost credit upon the city and the present Board of Education are not a little proud of having been concerned in the erection of a building said to surpass in beauty and utility any high school in the State.

It is three stories high above the basement, 102x132 feet in area, built entirely of blue Berea Sandstone, the mason work of the tower is 95 feet in height and the cap of the flag-staff is 120 feet above the ground. There are four entrances, one on each side and from the vestibules broad and easy staircases lead to the first, second and third floors. The arrangement of the rooms is in accordance with the most approved methods, each class room communicating directly with the central hall-way and having for its own use a large wardrobe. The class rooms are lighted entirely from the left hand side of the pupils, so there is no strong light in the eyes of either teachers or pupils, and no shadows thrown on the desks of the pupils as is the case where class rooms are lighted from the rear or from the right hand side.

The vestibule floor is six inches above the grade line and on a level with the toilet rooms in the basement which have a six foot seven inch ceiling, thus bringing the first floor of the building eight feet six inches above the grade.

In one corner of the basement, near the tower, is the office of the superintendent of the city schools, also the office of the Board of Education, which is provided with a fire-proof vault and stationary lavatory. In the basement are also located the boys' and girls' toilet rooms which are fitted up with dry closets, three large manual training rooms, furnace rooms, coal rooms, foul and fresh air rooms, fan rooms and motor rooms, where are located two seven horse power electric motors which propel the fresh and foul air fans.

On the first floor there are eight class rooms with about 750 square feet of floor area each, which will comfortably accommodate fifty pupils per room at an average floor area of fifteen square feet per pupil.

On the second floor the space of two class rooms is thrown into one large high school study room. There are five ordinary class rooms and two recitation rooms, also a principal's office at the end of the hall which overlooks all of the second floor hall (35x75) and the staircases leading to it.

On the third floor in the center of the building is a large auditorium, 67x97 feet in size, which is provided with 1100 chairs. There are also five recitation rooms in the gables at the end which are used for chemical laboratory, physical laboratory, biological laboratory, scientific laboratory and lecture room. Three staircases from the entrance

lead to the third floor, one of which goes behind the stage. Each of these staircases has a landing in the center between each floor, which is located next to the outside wall and through which light is admitted from windows on the landing.

The inside walls of the building are entirely of brick, making it of slow burning construction, while the roof is Vermont green slate, harmonizing with the color of the stone work.

The floors and staircases are of hard maple, while the remainder of the finish is pine.

The building is heated by eight large furnaces which are supplied with fresh air by a six foot fan. A second fan of this size is used to exhaust the foul air from the building. The temperature is regulated by the Johnson Electric Service.

The hallways, toilet rooms and offices are supplied with drinking fountains and stationary lavatories.

Both gas and electricity are used throughout the building for lighting and it is supplied with a perfect system of electric bells and program clocks.

The total cost including building, grounds and furniture is \$90,000.

There are other educational facilities in the way of parochial schools, private institutions, such as St. Teresa's Academy and there is a Conservatory of Music, located in the Opera House and a Law School conducted in connection with the Law Department of McKendree college at Lebanon.

A census of church buildings places the number at twelve and all the leading denominations are represented; many of these buildings contribute largely to the architectural adornment of the city; the First Presbyterian church at the corner of Eleventh and Gaty Avenue, St. Mary's Catholic church and the Baptist church at the corner of Brighton Place and the Rockroad might be instances without making any inviolous discriminations.

The public library is rapidly becoming a strong factor in the general progress of the community and under careful and intelligent management cooperates very effectively with the schools in promoting culture and refinement among the young people, who in a few years will be called upon to act their part in carrying on the up-building of the city. The library was originally established in 1872 and had gathered a splendid collection of some ten thousand volumes, some of them rare and very valuable, all of which were unfortunately destroyed by the burning of the City Hall in 1881. In 1891 it was re-organized by Mayor Stephens and the city government and has since been constantly extending its service and usefulness. There are now some eight thousand volumes and an annual appropriation is made for library extension purposes maintained under the laws governing public libraries, the rate of taxation being included in city taxes.

The new public library opened in April is something of which the town is justly proud. It is a three story building, brick with stone facings, 75x110 ft., 14 ft. ceilings, finished at a cost of \$90,000. It is supposed to be fire proof having expanded metal lathing, marble halls and marble staircases; complete electric light. The books are arranged in tiers running around inside walls, there being room for 150,000 volumes. At present the library

has only 8,000 volumes, but as there is an annual appropriation of \$8,000 for buying books this will be rapidly increased. There is a general reading room, ladies reading room and reference room, children's department upstairs.

Fraternal societies, an important feature of modern social life, are well represented, many of them having lodges with large membership. The ancient craft of Masonry has perhaps as many followers as any and the Odd Fellows, A. O. U. W., Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen, G. A. R., Ancient Order of Hibernians, K. of H., Sons of Herman, Knights of the Ancient Essene Order and K. and L. of H., are among the strongest orders.

The city enjoys the benefit of both gas and electric lighting and has excellent fire and police protection. The police force numbers forty men all told and the fire department has sixteen men presently enrolled; they have two hose reels, hook and ladder truck and patrol wagons, keeping fourteen horses in active use, and with the splendid facilities afforded by the water company are able to give effective service and are never found wanting in the hour of danger.

There are two first-class banks doing business in the city, the First National and the Workingmen's Banking Company and at the National Stock Yards the Stock Yards Bank meets every requirement of the business interests of that quarter. There are several building and loan associations in the city which are doing an excellent business and contribute notably to the general prosperity by the opportunities they offer to the wage-earning classes, of whom there is such a large proportion in this city. There are several weekly papers—The Gazette, The Call, the Republic, Truth and Labor and The Journal is published daily as is also the National Live Stock Reporter, published at the Yards.

The McCasland Opera House and the new Music Hall on Collinsville Avenue along with a number of social clubs and societies provide for the amusement and recreation of the community. The opera house is deserving of more than passing notice being one of the most imposing buildings in the town and splendidly appointed for its special purposes. It is a four story brick building with stone front, 120x60 feet in area and has thirty large handsome business offices besides the auditorium and is heated by steam and lighted by electricity throughout. The opera house proper has a seating capacity of 1500, stage 42x60 with 32 feet opening, is very handsomely decorated and furnished and is equipped with every modern facility known to the theatrical world. First-class names appear regularly upon its play bills and it has grown more popular with theatrical organizations each of the four years of its existence.

Proofs of progress are to be seen on every hand and what has been accomplished is but an earnest of what the future will be, for East St. Louis has all the elements of a great city and they will surely be utilized and developed to their fullest capabilities. Good government is essential to the future and the citizens party which has been in power for eight years past has shown splendid abilities in this direction. The people recognize that the city cannot grow from natural facilities alone and her merchants and manufacturers are making strenuous

ous efforts, waging war with competitive cities and successfully disputing large areas of trade territory. While it is true that recent development has been most conspicuous in the line of manufacturers, other branches of commerce are now receiving attention and while her retail interests will probably never grow beyond actual home needs, she seems destined ere long to become an important wholesale and jobbing centre. Certainly there is no reason why she should not control the greater part of the wholesale trade in Central and Southern Illinois, having the standing of location on Illinois territory with the advantage of being at this end of the bridge for receiving goods from the East, while on freight from the West the rate is the same to this city as to St. Louis. There is a strong agitation now for a new bridge across the river which if it becomes an accomplished fact will add to the city's transportation facilities. The bill providing for its charter came up during the session just closed and while all opposition in Congress was overcome, it unfortunately came before the Senate at a time when it had to come under suspension of rules and required unanimous consent and the action of our Senator led to its being blocked. It is however only a question of time and once in operation will enter into competition with those now existing and bring such action to bear upon present rates that it is believed the one drawback will be removed which presently militates against St. Louis concerns locating their factories on the cheaper ground on this side. Many important concerns, notably several agricultural machinery and implement companies, maintain their chief shipping depots here and there are quite a number of large grain elevators and ware houses and plenty of cheap sites for more. In grain alone the city handles over four and a half million bushels annually and more than two million bales of cotton. In the line of produce and commission trade she has made much progress and is rapidly coming into favor as an advantageous market. The country lying within easy reach is unusually fertile, having both climate and soil and there are other sources of supply almost as readily accessible, so varied in character, that the city can command shipments in numerous quantities commencing early and extend them right through the season. It certainly seems unnatural that Southern Illinois at least should send bushels upon bushels of produce, fruits and vegetables through East St. Louis to the St. Louis markets, much of it to be shipped back across the river enroute for Chicago and the East, involving a double bridge toll and considerable delay in the delivery of the truck. The American Bottom, which is directly adjacent to East St. Louis is perhaps the most fertile spot on the North American continent. It commences at the confluence of the Kaskaskia River with the Mississippi and extends north to the mouth of the Missouri, bounded on the eastern side by a chain of bluffs ranging from fifty to two hundred feet high. It is about eighty miles long and contains upwards of 288,000 acres; along the margin of the river is a strip of heavy timber and underbrush perhaps a mile or so wide and the balance, from the edge of the timber to the bluffs is prairie. It was at one time very unhealthy, being of the nature of a swamp but has been extensively drained and

brought into a high state of cultivation which has divested it of its unhealthy character. Like all alluvial soils it produces very abundantly, corn, wheat, oats, barley, potatoes, apples, onions and garden truck generally being the principal crops; it also seems to be a natural home for all small fruits and berries and grapes. Indeed the old settlers were in the habit of making so much wine that the French nation had to prohibit its export as it was injuring their home trade. The building of a railway, the Mississippi Valley Railroad, has been projected and the money to carry it out has been secured; it will run through the whole length of the Bottom and supply it with all that has hitherto been lacking to complete its development—an available outlet for the quick delivery of its products at the centre of consumption. East St. Louis should be able to command the whole of this trade and it is only necessary to exercise some enterprise and business foresight to enable her to control what is legitimately her own.

St. Clair County is rich in both agricultural and mineral products most of which particularly the latter pass through this city and form the handling of which she reaps considerable benefit. The County contains 684 square miles, watered by the Kaskaskia River and Silver, Richland and Cahokia Creeks; its surface is generally undulating, in parts hilly and is largely prairie land with some timber and "barrens" or, as they are sometimes called, oak openings.

The equalized value of her improved lands shows an average of \$69.48 per acre or the second highest average in the state; Cook County comes first with \$5.85 per acre, then follows Sangamon County, \$16.43; McLean County, \$15.03, and La Salle County, \$14.66, while the general average of the state as a whole is but \$11.11. Assessors returns last year showed 99,125 acres of unimproved lands, valued at \$1,025,068.00 giving an average of \$10.34 per acre; only three counties reach higher figures, viz: Cook County, \$65.36, Kane County, \$18.33 and Du Page County, \$12.59, while the state average is but \$3.95. The total value of her real estate, city property and town lots is given at 85% improved lots \$2,928,362.00; and 26,022 unimproved lots \$2,846,513 or an average value of \$10.96 per lot (equalized); only ten counties out of 102 show a better record.

Her live stock interests are assessed as follows:			
10,153 Horses.....			\$187,647
12,537 Cattle.....			56,735
8,432 Dairy Cows.....			210,800
4,895 Mules and Asses.....			87,603
2,554 Sheep.....			2,228
15,014 Hogs.....			17,347
			\$562,350

#### Crop and Market Returns, 1894.

Corn	1,638,102 bu.	Value.....	\$622,479
Potatoes	579,180 "	" .....	318,549
Clover Seed	8,897 "	" .....	57,830
Honey	5,615 lbs.	" .....	842
Poultry.....			24,892
Eggs .....			34,863
Butter	287,895 lbs.	Value.....	60,458
Cheese	13,545 "	" .....	1,354
Milk	1,477,632 gals.	" .....	147,763
Cream	27,970 "	" .....	11,188
Beef Cattle	5,375 hd.	" .....	53,200
Hogs	19,912 "	" .....	169,421
Sheep	656 "	" .....	2,066
Wool	10,391 lbs.	" .....	1,870

There were produced in St. Clair County alone in 1893 (the data from last year not being yet avail-

able) 2,133,370 tons of coal, an increase of half a million tons over its output of the previous year, the first time in the history of coal production in this state that a single county has attained a record of two millions tons. It is safe to say that all of this and probably at least as much again was distributed through this point; for her factories, railroads and domestic use East St. Louis herself consumes upwards 750,000 tons annually.

The coal measures of this county belong to that practically inexhaustible bed of bituminous coal of which some 30,000 square miles are estimated to lie within the confines of this state, largely in the southern portions. The thickest seam out crops in the river bluffs and on the west border of the southwest portion of the County, having a slight dip in an eastern direction. Coal is known to underlie all the high lands, in veins of from six to eight feet thick, which, taking one third the acreage of the county as a conservative estimate, would give according to miners measurement at least 1,368,000,000 tons of coal available in this district, enough at present rate of production to keep the miners in work until the year 2579 A. D.

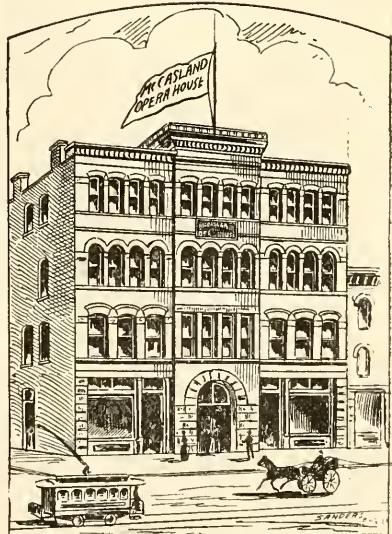
Certainly then East St. Louis has nothing to fear from a coal famine and with all her advantages of location, available means of transportation, abundance of water, low rates of taxation, admirable city government and every protection that can be extended by a stable and responsible municipality, where is the city within the breadth and length of the Union that can show to-day the same attractions or offer the same bright promise for the future. These facts are not new, nor do we claim that the manner in which they are presented is entirely original, but a good story will not suffer from being twice told. Let the business men and manufacturers in older crowded cities once become fully aware of their significance and let the people of this city come forward and show the proper spirit as they daily give evidence that they will do, and there can be no barrier to interpose between East St. Louis and the goal for which she is striving—supremacy in the world of manufacture and commerce. Let her sustain her present spirit of enterprise and progress and maintain those conditions of prosperity with which she is now [environed—and who shall say her nay?



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PAUL W. ABT'S RESIDENCE.



MCASLAND OPERA HOUSE.



**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK** of East St. Louis.—Among the banking institutions of Southern Illinois none have a better hold upon the confidence of the people than the First National of East St. Louis. Established many years ago as the East St. Louis Bank, it was re-organized in 1890 and chartered under the national banking laws, with \$100,000 capital stock, to which a surplus of 20,000, has since accrued. The officers of the bank are, President, Paul W. Abt; Vice-President, J. L. Fekete; Cashier, J. M. Woods and Assistant Cashier, J. J. McLean, Jr.; the Board of Directors is composed of some of the best known and most responsible business men of the city. The Bank does a general business upon the usual lines, pays good interest upon time deposits and extends to its customers every accommodation within legitimate banking limits and the dictates of ordinary business prudence. Its funds are always in active service, doing much salient good to the enterprising business men of this city and form a strong factor in her mercantile growth and general development. The appended statement of July 1894, will prove of interest.

#### RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts .....	\$202,730 83
Overdrafts Secured and Unsecured.....	300 23
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	25,000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds.....	2,500 00
Stocks, securities, etc.....	68,979 81
Banking house, furniture and fixtures.....	25,000 00
Due from State Banks and bankers.....	47 00
Due from approved reserve agents.....	45,482 95
Checks and other cash items.....	1,758 28
Notes of other National Banks.....	4,325 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents .....	696 58
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie .....	15,355 00
Legal tender notes.....	14,000 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation).....	1,125 00
Total .....	\$409,300 68

#### LIABILITIES.

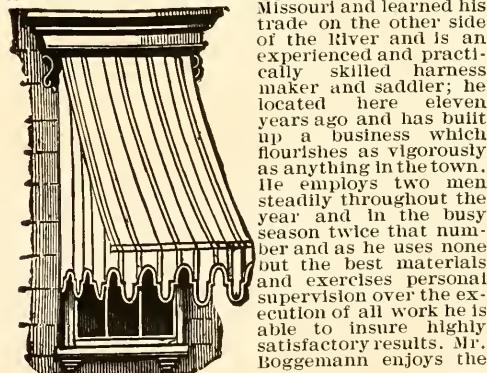
Capital Stock paid in.....	\$100,000 00
Surplus Fund.....	12,500 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid .....	1,874 58
National Bank Notes outstanding .....	22,500 00
Dividends unpaid.....	45 00
Individual deposits subject to check .....	188,751 26
Demand Certificates of Deposit .....	800 00
Time Certificates of Deposit.....	82,829 84
Total .....	\$409,300 68

Those who are responsible for the government of the bank's affairs are gentlemen of high business standing and notably successful in the management of their personal interests; they evidently regard the interests committed to them as a trust of the most intimate character and one which they are resolved to execute with the utmost fidelity. Mr. Woods, the Cashier, though a comparatively young man has a mature experience in the principles of successful banking and while he has a proper conception of the gravity of the duties which rest upon him, he discharges them with a courtesy and gentility which make him an invaluable official to the institution.

**S. MAYO**, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in all Kind of Soft and Hard Wood Lumber, Shingles, Mill Work and Building Material. Office, Broadway, West End Viaduct.—Among the pioneer business enterprises of the city we must mention the lumber yard of Mr. S. Mayo, corner of Broadway

and Brooklyn Avenue. Mr. Mayo has the distinction of being one of the oldest lumber dealers in active business; he commenced in Chicago in 1857 where he maintained headquarters for twenty years, during which time he established no less than seven yards in different parts of the State. This East St. Louis yard was started in 1864, under a firm of agents as a branch of his Chicago business and latterly was taken over by Mr. Mayo, under his own management. The premises cover the whole of the block and are almost entirely under roof; the sheds have a storage capacity for over two million feet of lumber and are filled and exhausted at least three times in a season, in other words Mr. Mayo handles about six million feet annually. He deals in a general class of lumber, both hard and soft, buying wholesale from the leading mills of Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas and Texas; shingles, mill-work and every description of building material also come within the scope of operations. Six people are employed in the yard and everything is carried out under Mr. Mayo's personal supervision; his unusually wide and mature experience and long standing connections in the trade give him special facilities by which he is enabled to sustain the business upon a most satisfactory and successful basis. Mr. Mayo belongs by birth to Boston, Mass. but is thoroughly Western in his ideas and displays in his vigorous business management a breadth of resource, activity and enterprise which may well be taken as a model by many of the younger merchants. Although not taking part in public life he is recognized as one who has the best interests of the city at heart and is held in general esteem as a reliable representative business man and a valuable citizen.

**J. M. BOGGMANN**, Harness, Saddles, Collars and Horse Covers, Oil Clothing, Sail Duck, Etc. 353 Missouri Ave.—Mr. Boggemann is a native of



Missouri and learned his trade on the other side of the River and is an experienced and practically skilled harness maker and saddler; he located here eleven years ago and has built up a business which flourishes as vigorously as anything in the town. He employs two men steadily throughout the year and in the busy season twice that number and as he uses none but the best materials and exercises personal supervision over the execution of all work he is able to insure highly satisfactory results. Mr. Boggemann enjoys the

respect of all with whom he comes in contact, for six years past he has been Supervisor of the Township and for the same length of time has been Treasurer of the A. O. U. W. Lodge No. 294.

**E. LUTHER**, Sales Agent For National Cash Registers. Missouri Avenue.—Progress is the order of the day in East St. Louis and strenuous efforts are being made to place her in the position of a great mercantile centre; her coming importance is fully recognized by leading manufacturers of the Union and the Agencies which they establish here form no inconsiderable portion of the commercial interests of the city. Some of our brainiest men are to be found among the manufacturers

agents, of which class Mr. E. Luther is an excellent representative. He is sales agent and general agent for southern Illinois for the well known National Cash Register manufactured at Dayton, Ohio. A native of Germany he was long resident in Missouri and was for some time connected with the company's St. Louis Agency; he commenced business upon his present basis, in this city in August, 1893 and the amount of business that he has worked up in East St. Louis alone, not to speak of the whole Southern part of the State, well indicates the wisdom of his selection for this important post. He has attained an enviable reputation in business circles and enjoys the warm esteem of many friends here and throughout his entire territory.

**CLAUS GRAVES**, Practical Watchmaker & Jeweler, Dealer in Watches, Clocks and Jewelry. 214 Missouri Avenue.—The business indicated by the above heading, has been in successful operation since 1892. The store at 214 Missouri Avenue, has a select stock of clocks, gold and silver watches, rings, chains, jewelry, fraternity emblems, badges, etc., etc.; watch repairing and adjusting for railroad service is made a specialty and for the effective execution of this class of work the house has gained an enviable reputation. The store is furnished with an electric clock which is hourly corrected to standard time from the United States Observatory. Mr. Graves is of German birth and was brought across the ocean when a lad ten years of age; he was brought up in Iowa and learned his trade right here in East St. Louis. He is highly recommended as an expert workman and his ability retains the patronage of the best class of city custom; he is Watch Inspector for the Wabash and the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroads. He is a member of the A. O. U. W.

**THEO. WIEGREFFE & SON**, East St. Louis Planing Mill, Sash, Doors, Blinds, Mouldings, Brackets, and Stair Work. Cor. Fourth Street and Brady Avenue.—The building trades are the best indicators of a city's prosperity. In every branch there are several important concerns located in this city, but for the present we would speak particularly of the progress and success of the East St. Louis Planing Mill. The business was started by Mr. Theo. Wiegreffe at Litchfield, Ill., in 1868 and removed to this place nine years later, since which time it has sustained a desirable position in the confidence of the trade and manifested a vigorous growth from year to year. Upwards of twenty men find steady employment, in all kinds of mill-work, such as the manufacture of sash, doors, blinds, moulding, brackets and stair-work; the premises, 120x140 in area and two stories high, are well equipped with modern machinery operated by a powerful steam engine, 10x20 cylinder. The trade is largely local but considerable of their products are shipped out to near by points in this State and across the river and a large stock of lumber is kept always on hand in readiness for the execution of orders for any kind of mill work. Business is now carried on under the style of Theo. Wiegreffe & Son, Mr. Charles Wiegreffe being the junior member of the firm. Mr. Wiegreffe, Sr. was born in Germany but came across the ocean in early life and has been resident in this State since 1853. While not taking any prominent part in pub-

lic life he is thoroughly identified with the best interests of East St. Louis and is always ready to do his part in the promotion of her development.

**HEZEL MILLING CO.**, East St. Louis Mills.—In our descriptive account of the commercial and industrial progress of East St. Louis, special notice must be accorded to the East St. Louis Mills, the property of the Hezel Milling Co, which are prominent as having been the first to introduce the roller process in this State. The Mills were started twenty-five years ago, running on the old burr system and it was in 1882 that Mr. Hezel had them re-modelled with the complete roller process; their present capacity is 500 barrels every twenty-four hours. Three years ago, a magnificent Harris-Corliss engine 500 h. p. built by Cooper of Mt. Vernon was put in. There is an elevator, capacity 40,000 bushels and well equipped cooper shop which together with the mill proper require the employment of thirty-five men. The leading brands of the mill are "U. S. Standard" (patent) and "Missouri Belle", and there are few trade centres in the South or Southeast in which these are not favorably known; the plant runs day and night, with the exception of Sundays, throughout the year. Mr. Hezel, the founder of the mill was born on the other side of the River, but has been resident in East St. Louis since 1850; he is President of the Company; his brother Morris Hezel is Vice-President and F. H. Krite also hailing from St. Louis, is Secretary. The name of the company is well known and popular throughout the trade over a wide section of country and the business is conducted upon lines of probity and promptitude which are well calculated to strengthen and extend their reputation.

**P. H. TRABAND**, Wholesale and Retail Manufacturer of Fine Havana and Domestic Cigars. 322 Missouri Avenue.—Cigars well made from the best tobacco and sold at prices within reach of all have become one of the great luxuries of the age and as a consequence the business of manufacturing the same has grown to a remarkable extent. Mr. Traband, who has been upwards of twenty years a cigar-maker, carried on the business in East St. Louis for fifteen years and then went West; he was engaged in his trade in Arkansas City, Ark., for a short time and then went to Guthrie, Oklahoma where he has left a brother in the business while he himself returns to re-establish himself in this place. He employs four men and does an extensive business manufacturing from both domestic and imported tobaccos, the average output of his factory being in the neighborhood of 6,000 weekly, the bulk of the trade comes from East St. Louis and near by Illinois town. At 322 Missouri Avenue Mr. Traband has a neatly furnished retail store where he deals in tobacco, cigars and smokers articles generally and of course a full supply of the "Traband Beauty," "P. H. T." and "Little Savage"; his leading five and ten cent brands are always on hand and very popular they are with a large and growing patronage. Mr. Traband is a native of St. Louis, but learned his trade at Lebanon, Ill.; during his long connection with this city he has maintained a position in the foremost ranks of his line of trade and is recognized as a reliable dealer who merits congratulations on the important interest he has built up.

**THOS. G. RIX, D. D. S.** First National Bank Building.—All the learned professions are well to the front in East St. Louis and among them all none have better representatives than that Dentistry finds in Thos. G. Rix. Though established in practice here but little over five months he has secured an influential patronage. His offices are pleasantly furnished in such style as is conducive of every visitor's comfort and are equipped with the best appliances. Dr. Rix studied in good schools and is thoroughly conversant with every detail of dental practice and laboratory work. He was born in Liverpool, England and first studied in the Ecole Francaise Dentese in Paris, France; he established himself in Alexandria (Egypt) where he built up an excellent practice which, however he had to give up owing to the unsettled state of the country after the bombardment. He was intimately acquainted with Arabi Pasha who had bestowed upon him the rank of Effendi, in recognition of his professional abilities. Coming to America, Dr. Rix thought best to undergo a course of instruction in this country and attended the American Dental College of Chicago, where he received the degree of D. D. S. The Doctor is rapidly earning the esteem of his professional brethren and the confidence of the people and is regarded as a welcome accession to the community of East St. Louis.

**M. W. WATSON**, News Agent, Stationer and newsdealer.—That the reading public of our city knows how to appreciate a good store where the latest news of the day, magazines or periodicals can always be obtained, is evidenced by the good and growing business of M. W. Watson. He established this about eight years ago, at first principally as a news agency for the distribution of the St. Louis papers, which he still continues as the main department, but the scope of the business has been greatly extended of late. He handles the leading papers from all quarters of the Union, magazines, weeklies and a general selection of the lighter sorts of reading matter; also stationery notions, toys, etc. Mr. Watson is a native of St. Louis County and was many years in business across the river before locating in our town, he is special agent here for the distribution of the St. Louis Chronicle and Star Sayings, both of which through his instrumentalities have reached a large local circulation. In his business altogether Mr. Watson employs an even dozen persons; from the very first he seemed to get the good will of the public and his punctual and reliable methods and conscientious dealings enable him to continue to command that good opinion.

**H. J. DELHAAN, M. D.**, Office 229 B, Collinsville Ave.; Residence Cor. 7th and Penn Ave.—Among those who add to the standing of the medical profession in East St. Louis is Dr. H. J. DeHaan. Born in St. Louis, Mo., after completing his preliminary education there he entered the Missouri Medical College from which he graduated in 1883; he then proceeded to Berlin, Germany where he went through the complete medical and surgical course at the Frederick Wilhelm University, qualifying for the doctor's degree, although he did not present himself for the State examination. Eleven years ago Dr. DeHaan established himself in practice in this place, where he was warmly received and has since built up a wide connection. He is Physician-in-charge of St. Mary's Hospital, having held the appointment ever since that institution was opened five years ago and is local surgeon for the C. B. & Q., East St. Louis Connecting Railway, St. Louis Transfer Railway and for the Wiggins

Ferry Co. He stands as well among his professional brethren as he does with the public; he is a member of the St. Clair Medical Society and is regarded as a physician of extensive knowledge and mature experience. Dr. DeHaan's consulting rooms are pleasantly situated in a handsome business block, built and owned by himself, which forms one of the attractive features of Collinsville Avenue.

**M. F. ZENT**, Inspector, Southwestern Illinois Inspection Bureau; 108 N. Main Street.—Insurance is one of the great interests of the age and in its power and influence is not outranked by any one of our modern pursuits. As a business, insurance has been systematized in a manner which is surpassed by none, either financial or commercial institutions and to the safe-guards and rigid supervision under which its work is carried on, must be ascribed a large measure of the successful results obtained for both insurers and insured. The Southwestern Illinois Inspection Bureau is an organization maintained by certain associated companies for the purpose of supervising rates and forms and passing generally upon business transacted. It maintains an office in this city, under charge of Mr. M. F. Zent, Inspector for Madison and St. Clair Counties. The office has been established twelve years and up till about eighteen months was located at Belleville; since it was removed to this city, the Belleville office has been kept up as a branch. Mr. Zent, who has two competent assistants, gives a close and careful attention to the duties with which he is charged and for the fulfilment of which his long experience amply qualifies him. It is ten years since he became Inspector for the Bureau, prior to which time he was in business as an underwriter, special agent and adjuster, so that there are few points connected with insurance with which he is not acquainted. Mr. Zent, who was born in Ohio and brought up in Indiana, has passed so much of his life in Illinois that he might almost be claimed as one of her sons; be that as it may it is readily conceded that he acts the part of a good and useful citizen and he enjoys a well merited standing in business and financial circles.

**B. W. HUSCHLE**, Meats; 433 Collinsville Avenue.—Although opened less than eighteen months ago this market enjoys a well established connection and is steadily gaining in the confidence of the neighborhood. Mr. Huschle keeps the best meats, perfectly fresh and wholesome and has everything about the market arranged in an orderly manner, as clean and tidy as a new pin. Three people are employed in the house and two wagons are in constant use. Mr. Huschle is an East St. Louis boy born and raised and was brought up to the business, his father being one of the oldest meat dealers in the town; in conducting his business he aims to give the customer full value for the money and in all transactions to deal in a straightforward manner. Under his vigorous and able management the business cannot fail to continue very successful and prosperous.

**DR. W. H. MCLEAN**, 229 Collinsville Ave.—Dr. McLean belongs to this State by birth and was educated across the River, graduating from the Missouri Medical College class of 1891. Immediately afterwards he established himself in this city and has since been steadily building up a good practice. He engages in general family practice and is City Physician and Attending Physician at St. Mary's Hospital. Dr. McLean has conveniently located offices in the DeHaan Building, 229 Collinsville Avenue. During his three years residence he has become thoroughly at home with local feeling and local interests and takes a place among those good citizens who are helping to advance the general standing of the city.

## THE ENTERPRISING TOWNS OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

**DR. JNO. W. B. DWYER,** Office & Res., 347 Missouri Ave.—This gentleman's name has for thirteen years been classed among the leading and most influential professional men of East St. Louis. Dr. Dwyer was born in Ireland, County of Cork, but was educated for his profession on this side of the Atlantic and attended the Missouri Medical College in St. Louis, from which he received the degree of M. D. He established himself shortly afterwards, in general family practice in that city, remaining there for five years, after which he removed to this place, to the advantage of the community and we trust not without material benefit to himself. It is scarcely within our province to speak of Dr. Dwyer's abilities and leave that to his wide circle of appreciative friends and patients; he is a member of the Tri-State Medical Association. Dr. Dwyer has thoroughly identified himself with local interests and takes quite an active part in politics;



He was a member of the last congressional delegation. He is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Knights of the Maccabees and the National Union, for which two last fraternities he is Consulting Physician and Surgeon. Dr. Dwyer's first-class training has been seconded by untiring energy and a genuine love for his work, both of which have been strong factors in the professional success he has achieved. On his mother's side, Dr. Dwyer is connected with the celebrated Irish family of the Blannerhassetes and he is also a grand nephew of the late chief Baron O'Grady of Dublin, who figured conspicuously in Irish history. His grandfather was a prominent clergyman of the Irish church. The Doctor possesses in a marked degree those sterling characteristics of the Irish gentleman and professional worth.

**J. L. TUCKER,** Candy and Pop-corn Factory.—The candy and pop-corn factory carried on by Mr. J. L. Tucker has been in existence six months, but in that time very rapid progress has been made. This is a good indication of the ability and energy displayed in its conduct as it is only the most enterprising concerns that can make any headway in these times of quiet trade and keen competition. Mr. Tucker, who is a native of Coles County, has equipped the premises at 227 South 4th St., with complete apparatus for steam stock and is turning out a class of goods which meet the hearty approval of both the wholesale and retail trade.

**SMITH & CASSIDY,** Sash and Door Works Co., Eleventh and Walnut St.—This business was established about eighteen months ago at which time the Smith & Cassidy Sash and Door Works Co. took over the plant and property of the Denverside Manufacturing Company. The factory is substantial brick building, 70x130 in area, two stories in height. Employment is given to about fifteen men, the annual pay-roll being in the neighborhood of \$8,000. They manufacture sash, doors, blinds, mouldings, brackets, scroll and straight sawing and turning work, the weekly output being equal to a consumption of about 4000 feet of lumber. They have built up a large trade on both sides of the river, which is sustained by the superior character of the factory's product. Mr. Cassidy, the President, is a native of Newry, Ireland, and has long been a resident in Cincinnati, where he was builder and contractor and has been for the past four years engaged in the same line in St. Louis. Mr. H. H. Smith is Secretary and Treasurer of the concern; he is a native of Michigan but has been a resident here fourteen years always identified with this line of manufacture.

**DR. W. H. BOSWELL,** 419 1-2 Collinsville Ave.—Among the rising medical men in East St. Louis is Dr. W. H. Boswell, a native of Mt. Vernon, Ill., who has been established in practice here since 1891. Dr. Boswell was educated for his profession first at the Marion-Sims College of Medicine and later at the Barnes Medical College in St. Louis, Mo., from both of which institutions he holds the M. D. degree. He is at present Clinical Instructor to the Chair of Obstetrics at the Barnes College. He was located in practice at Ashley, Ill., for a short while. Since coming here he has been able to build up a fine connection and is steadily adding to the number of his appreciative friends and patients. Dr. Boswell is chief examiner for two important insurance companies; he is a comparatively young man with his career before him; from the record already established it will undoubtedly be blessed with a full measure of success.

**CHARLES A. LONG'S SCHOOL,** for Guitar, Mandolin and Banjo; 719 1/2 Collinsville Ave.—Nothing educates and tones up the finer feelings of our nature like good music and where it is cultivated peace, love and harmony prevail and the great vices have no abiding place. Professor Long is a native of Lima, Ohio and has been interested in music all his life; he was engaged professionally "on the road" in Illinois and Ohio, for several years and later settled down at Mt. Vernon where he remained five years, teaching. He is a cultivated and thorough musician and has the knack of imparting his knowledge to others, in which he is most ably helped by Mrs. Long. Already a very keen interest has been centred in the school, which has on its rolls some forty pupils; Professor Long makes a special feature of instructing clubs and preparing banjo "teams" for the stage and before long, it seems likely that East St. Louis will be in the enjoyment of recherche performances by exclusively local talent. He at all times carries on hand a splendid selection of instruments, mandolins, banjos and guitars and also deals in strings and sheet music.

**R. J. SCHONEBAUM**, General Blacksmithing, Horseshoeing and Wagon Work; Shop: 125 N. Sixth Street.—Every facility in this shop in the way of appliances, tools and machinery have been provided; there is a sturdy little steam engine of eight horse power which operates the drill, lathes, emery wheels, etc., and from five to eight persons are steadily employed. The proprietor, R. J. Schonebaum, was born across the river in the state of Missouri, where he learned his trade; since coming to East St. Louis, he has built up a good connection and enjoys the name of being a reliable and skillful workman as well as a straightforward business man. Good materials, substantial work and fair prices sustain his establishment in the good opinion of the public and the result is a steadily increasing number of customers.

**SCHERRER & SON**, Real Estate; 325 Broadway.—Among the most popular real estate people in East St. Louis is the firm of Scherrer & Son, whose large office at the corner of Broadway and Main Street is an attractive landmark. They buy and sell on commission all classes of city property, collect rents, pay taxes and manage estates for absentee owners. They negotiate loans on bonds and mortgages. It is a source of just pride with the firm that though they have placed loans to an immense aggregate value, in sums ranging from \$150 to \$40,000, they have never even had to consider the desirability of a foreclosure. The senior member of the firm, Mr. Jacob Scherrer, is one of the syndicate, composed of ten Denver capitalists, which own Denverside and Alta Vista additions to East St. Louis and the firm are local managers for these properties, 748 acres in all. The additions are splendidly improved, all graded, with two and a half miles of paved streets, city water mains and electric car line. The Malleable Iron Works, occupying four blocks, is located here, as are also the Granby White Lead Works, Denver Smelting & Refining Co's. Plant, Obear-Nester Glass Works, Smith & Cassidy Sash & Door Co's. Planing Mill and the Chicago Flated Silica Co. Some eighteen or twenty brick houses each costing \$2,000 are now under construction which are to be sold on an original plan of installment payments. Mr. Scherrer senior, is a native of France and went out to Denver in the early days when he was able to make many profitable investments. He is recognized as an able, shrewd and courageous real estate operator. His son Mr. Leo J. Scherrer, who is associated with him in the firm was born and brought up in Colorado and is a first-class specimen of the best kind of young American.

**A. E. HACKMAN**, Prescription Druggist. 326 Missouri Ave., Next Door to Post Office.—This is a well established pharmacy, dating its inception a quarter of a century back and came into Mr. Hackman's hands eight months ago, shortly after the decease of its first owner, Mr. A. Mootz. Mr. Hackman is a comparatively young man but a thoroughly qualified druggist. He is a native of Quincy, Ill. and studied at the College of Pharmacy in St. Louis of which he is a graduate. His tastes are perhaps attracted most by the prescription department, which is made a leading feature in this pharmacy and claims a large part of Mr. Hackman's attention and it is but right to say that among physicians and laity alike, he enjoys an en-

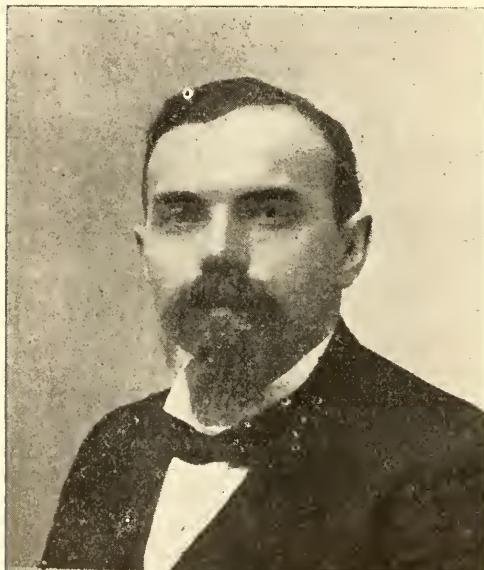
viable name for compounding. The pharmacy is desirably located in well appointed premises and is completely stocked with pure drugs and chemicals and standard proprietary remedies.

**JOHN BEAIRD, Jr.** Deputy Sheriff.—The name of John Baird, Jr. is pretty well known in East St. Louis and the gentleman himself scarcely requires any words from us to introduce him. A native of Gravois, Mo., Mr. Baird has been resident here ten years, during which period he has carried on a prosperous trade in coal, ice, seed and building materials. He sold this business in December last, having been elected Deputy-Sheriff for St. Clair County, to which office he now gives his undivided attention. He possesses the qualities necessary for making an efficient officer; his business training stands him in good stead and it is recognized that he has the resolution to carry out successfully the disagreeable tasks which at times fall to the lot of a sheriff. Mr. Baird enjoys the confidence of St. Clair County; he is an active member of the Oddfellow's Fraternity, of the Knights of Pythias (U. R.) and of the K. of H.

**W. H. ADOLPH**, Manufacturer, Dealer and Importer of Fine Cigars, Tobacco, Pipes and Smoker's Articles.—Among the lighter industries of East St. Louis we must mention the cigar factory of Mr. W. H. Adolph, which is an establishment of long standing, has achieved a large measure of success and acquired a widespread and permanent popularity for its products. From six to eight skillful cigar makers are presently employed. The cigars made have an acknowledged standing in the trade of standard purity and uniformity. Mr. Adolph is also importer and retail dealer in fine cigars, tobacco, pipes and smokers' articles, in each of which lines a splendid stock is displayed in the handsome little store at 333 Collinsville Avenue; the house enjoys a steady trade and year by year the number of its patrons, in East St. Louis as steadily increases. Mr. Adolph is of German birth and has been resident in this place for many years. He is of the firm of Bischoff & Adolph, manufacturers and dealers in Havana & Domestic cigars, at 618 N. Broadway, St. Louis, Mo. He is a member of the Treubund and also a Modern Woodman. He is the only exclusive jobber in cigars and tobacco here, and has a substantial and expanding trade in all territory tributary to East St. Louis.

**FERDINAND SCHWARZ**, Ornamental Painter, Art Paper Hanger and Interior Decorator. 335 Collinsville Avenue.—A development of refinement in every direction is one of the evidences of the metropolitan aspect which is being assumed by East St. Louis of today and in nothing is it more noticeable than in the way of interior decorations and ornamental painting. There is only one house at present which devotes itself exclusively to this class of work. Mr. Ferdinand Schwarz, who is sole proprietor of the business, learned his trade in St. Louis, Mo., where he located after coming from Germany forty-seven years ago. Seven years afterwards he settled on this side of the river and has since followed his calling here excepting ten years that he spent in California. He is prepared to execute in substantial and artistic style ornamental painting, frescoing, interior decorating and paper hanging and is thoroughly familiar with the requirements of those who desire high-class work. Mr. Schwarz has recently moved into very desirable new premises where he has laid in a splendid stock of art and high-class wall papers, friezes, dados, etc.

**M. M. STEPHENS,** Mayor.—The Hon. M. M. Stephens, Mayor of the city of East St. Louis is by birth a Pennsylvanian. He was brought up to the calling of a locomotive engineer and after coming west in 1868, was for several years connected in that capacity with the O. & M. R. R. In 1874 he acquired the property known as the Stephens House and re-modelled and made considerable additions to it. Mr. Stephens first entered public life in 1884 in which year he was returned as a member of the Board of Alderman, representing the 4th Ward and three years later was elected Mayor. From the time of his induction to this office the city has seemed to as steadily progress as in the decade just preceding it had, if anything been falling back and to his wise, firm and conscientious administration a consensus of public opinion ascribes largely the city's present prosperity and growth. In every movement for the welfare of the community and the improvement of the city, Mayor Stephens is always to the



front. He is at present making strenuous efforts, assisted by Congressman W. S. Forman to carry through plans for the construction of a third bridge across the river. Mayor Stephens is possessed of those personal qualities which make and attach friends and his fitness for his responsible duties is so evident, that unless called to higher duties in the state, there is little doubt that for a long term of years he may continue to grace the office which he has held consecutively since 1887.

**DONOVAN-GUIGNON LAND TITLE CO.,** 419 Broadway. Jules B. Guignon, Manager.—In all dealings in real estate the first and most important consideration is to obtain a perfectly clear title and in this respect investors in St. Clair County and East St. Louis are particularly well favored, in the Donovan-Guignon Land Title Co., which was organized and incorporated five years ago by several gentlemen whose names are pre-eminent in real

estate matters. Mr. J. T. Donovan is President; Mr. J. M. Donovan, Secretary and Treasurer and Mr. Jules B. Guignon, Manager. They purchased an existing set of abstracts for St. Clair County, going back to the original government entries which have since been brought up to date and are kept closely posted, furnishing a complete chain of title to every city lot or tract of land in the county. The principal offices of the company are in this city, but they also maintain a branch of the business at Belleville, the county seat. They are thoroughly informed with reference to all classes of property and have a splendid reputation for accuracy and integrity. Mr. J. T. Donovan and his son Mr. J. M. Donovan are chiefly engaged in their real estate business in St. Louis and the active burden here is vested in the Manager, Mr. Jules B. Guignon, to whose vigorous and indefatigable efforts much of the success attained since its inception must be attributed. They are local agents for the East St. Louis Land Company of which Messrs. Greenwood & Co. of St. Louis are managers; this company is composed of a syndicate of British capitalists who have invested upwards of \$600,000 in East St. Louis realty, some of which property is now being offered on the market through this agency.

**C. B. CARROLL,** City Attorney.—When we are told that a public officer is entering upon his third term we are furnished with a highly satisfactory testimonial as to his efficiency and therefore we feel that Mr. Charles B. Carroll, who has been City Attorney since 1891, needs no words of ours to commend him to this community. Mr. Carroll was born at Wood River, Madison County, but was brought up in this city. He was educated as a printer and was some time connected with the Gazette, in both the chapel and the editorial department; afterwards he was reporter and correspondent for the old St. Louis (Mo.) Times and the Missouri Republican and more recently for the Globe-Democrat and Post-Dispatch, for which he still continues to be special correspondent. During part of this time he was also engaged in teaching until he turned his attention to the law, when he entered McKendree College at Lebanon whence he graduated in 1889. He was admitted to the Bar in the same year and shortly afterwards established himself in practice in this city; two years later he was elected to his present office. He has the name of being diligent, conscientious and impartial in the discharge of his duty and his administration of the office has given satisfaction to the representatives of all parties. Mr. Carroll is publisher of the East St. Louis Directory an exceedingly well got-up little book: it is carefully compiled, edited and arranged with intelligent judgment and full of much interesting matter besides the mere record of the city's inhabitants and their residence and occupation.

**F. M. HORNER,** Superintendent, City Water Works, Adele Building, Broadway & Main St.—Some account of the East St. Louis Water Works will be found in our general notes upon the city itself and in these sketches, which relate particularly to individual representative men, who have taken various parts in her development and in the direction of public interests, we must give part of our space to Mr. F. M. Horner, their Superinten-

dent. Born and educated in Ohio, he was brought up to the profession of Hydraulic Engineer and for many years has been with the American Water Works & Guarantee Co. of Pittsburg, the principal owners of the city water works. This Company have between thirty-five and forty water-works in various towns throughout the Union, in the construction of many of which Mr. Horner has been engaged; he came to East St. Louis in 1875 to plan and carry out the construction of the plant in this city and has remained in charge as superintending engineer since their completion. Mr. Horner's experience, renders him a valuable representative of his company, as well as a popular member of the community.

**MESSICK, RHOADS & WARD,** Attorneys-at-Law, 318 1-2 Missouri Avenue.—Of the many names that make up the Southern Illinois Bar, few command as much esteem or confidence as the above. The Hon. J. B. Messick, a native of Macoupin County, is one of the oldest practising attorneys in the city, having hung out his shingle here in 1872. He was for some years Judge of the City Court and served for three terms as a member of the State Legislature. He is a member of the G. A. R., Irwin McDowell Post, having served in the 14th Illinois Regt., during the Civil War. Judge E. C. Rhoads the other member of the original firm of Messick & Rhoads which was established in 1883, is also from Macoupin County and was educated at the Law School of the Iowa State University; he is at present Judge of the County Court of St. Clair County. The present firm was established in November last, Mr. C. E. Ward coming into the partnership; he is a native of Perry County, Ills. and educated at Ann Arbor, a graduate of the University of Michigan. The firm enjoys a very extensive practice, a natural result of their confederate and individual standing and the signal success which usually attends the final issue of cases entrusted to their hands. They are attorneys and title examiners for the St. Louis Loan & Investment Co. and general counsel for several other large corporations.

**DR. HEBER ROBARTS,** Physician and Surgeon, 506 Collingsville Avenue.—The medical fraternity of East St. Louis has received no more notable accession to its ranks within late years than Dr. Heber Robarts. Born and brought up in this city, Dr. Robarts received his professional education first at the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia where he graduated with the class of '78 and afterwards attended the Course of the Missouri Medical College in St. Louis from which he also received the M. D. degree. He first established himself in practice in Carbondale, Jackson County and from there removed to Butte City, Montana. Before leaving Carbondale, he was Surgeon to the Illinois Central R. R. and Carbondale G. T. R. R., Sec'y of Board U. S. Examining Surgeons. He was delegate from Illinois to Sanitary Council of the Mississippi Valley. Governor Hamilton offered him a place on the State Board of Health, which he refused. He refused a place as Prof. of Anatomy, College Physicians & Surgeons, Chicago. Accepted Surgeon to Northern Pacific R. R. Dr. Robarts was requested by the Mayor of Butte City to undertake the organization of the Health Department, which he successfully carried out, instituting a sys-

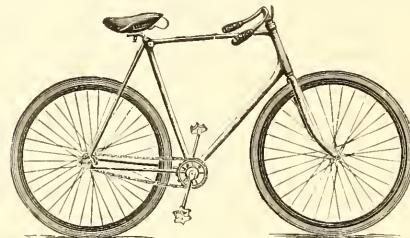
tem based upon that in operation in London, England. Such was the almost immediate improvement in the sanitary conditions of the city that within but a short time the mortality had been reduced 25 per cent. During the remainder of his residence in that city, Dr. Robarts performed the duties of Health Commissioner. In 1893 Dr. Robarts returned to the friends of his boyhood and he has plenty of appreciative patients to speak for his skill as both physician and surgeon.

**MIKE WALSH,** Chief of Police.—The progress of a community depends quite as much upon the character of those who are charged with the administration of its affairs as upon the natural resources and advantages with which it may have been blessed. Chief Walsh has been connected with the police force more or less consecutively since the early sixties, was City Marshall from '71 to '75, chief of police in '76 and '77 and has now been chief of police for 8 consecutive years; he is a terror to thieves and thugs; when he received his commission from Mayor Stephens the city was just entering upon an improved order of affairs, which has continued in unbroken succession, in the maintenance of which the services rendered by the chief and the force under his command had an effective part. There are altogether forty men employed on the police force and sixteen in the fire department which is also under the chief's control and in the organization of which seven years ago he took a leading part. A native of Ireland, Mr. Walsh has been resident in this city for thirty-two years and has been an active participant in public life during most of that time.

**G. P. BIGGS,** Scientific Horse Shoeing and General Blacksmithing.—A knowledge of the anatomy of the horse's foot and a special study of the diseases to which it is subject are of the utmost importance to the practical horseshoer. Mr. Biggs' experience in this direction and his record of success in the cure of lameness arising from foot troubles of various sorts, had gained him quite an extensive connection in Edwards County where he was many years in business. He was Circuit Clerk at Albion from 1888 to 1892. He has now located in this city, opening up his shop in the beginning of January. His establishment is located at 1401 Missouri Avenue, in the rear of Kring's drug store. He is an excellent mechanic, doing his work in a scientific manner and the experience of those who have already availed themselves of his services testifies that the most valuable horses may be placed in his hands. Mr. Biggs is a native of the Buckeye State, but has long been resident in Illinois, in which indeed he learned his trade.

**ALEX. E. ABEND,** City Engineer.—In Mr. Alexander E. Abend, city engineer, East St. Louis has the good fortune to enjoy the services of a gentleman who is widely known as an experienced civil engineer and surveyor. Though only resident in the city for five years, he belongs by birth to this part of the state and was educated for his profession at Washington University of St. Louis. He has been engaged in many important engineering enterprises, chiefly the construction of Water Works, Railroads and Street Railways in almost every one of the Western States. After returning to this quarter he was appointed engineer in charge of construction of the Belleville Water Works of which he also had the operative management for several years and two years ago was appointed City Engineer for East St. Louis. He has had a good deal to do in connection with establishing the high grade and the sewer system of the city and has performed the work in such a manner as to win the hearty approval of all concerned. He is well seconded by the Assistant Engineer, Mr. L. L. Harper and Mr. Fred. Jaeger, Chief Draughtsman.

**THE F. G. TURNER CO., Gas & Electric Fixtures, Bicycle Agents.**—A most interesting enterprise in East St. Louis is the business carried on by the F. G. Turner Co., whose office and shops are located at 229 Collinsville Avenue. This concern was organized two years ago as the Turner-Moore Electric Co. but about a year ago Mr. F. G. Turner took the business into his own hand. They deal in electric supplies of all kinds, gas, electric and combination fixtures, globes, shades, brackets, electric bells, push buttons and electric light wire; undertake gas fitting and electric wiring for all purposes, paying particular attention to the instalment of isolated plants. About one half of the electric fixtures they use are of their own make and their general stock represents the best and latest goods to be found in the market. The Company also manufacture the Turner Special, a very popular wheel in this part of the country and are agents for several other well known bicycles; repairs of any kind are promptly attended to in



their own shops. Mr. F. G. Turner is a native of Chicago but has been located in this place six years; he is an electrician and mechanic and has established a good record for the successful issue to which he carries all contracts placed with the company. The dynamo and three hundred lights installed in the ice-plant is an example of their work and a still more notable one is the contract just finished on the new sixty-thousand dollar school-house, in which over two miles of wire was used. Mr. Turner has recently inaugurated a new departure in the town, in the way of a system of night watch signal, express and messenger service which is being readily taken hold of by the public. The company which he has incorporated with \$3000 capital stock, furnishes patrons with call boxes, with which by a system of signals, messengers and wagons may be called, burglar and fire alarms turned in, the central office being in direct connection with the police and fire department.

**ALEXANDER FLANNIGEN, Attorney-at-Law;** 121 N. 3rd Street.—A native of Washington County Ill., Mr. F. was educated for his profession in this city and read law in the office of the late Mr. W. G. Kase; he was admitted to practice under the old rule, by examination before the Supreme Court in 1876 and in November of the following year engaged in practice. Mr. Flannigen has taken his share of public service, was city attorney for three years and treasurer for one year. In 1882 he built the substantial block, at 121 North Third street, which bears his name; it is a large building, three stories high and basement, all of which are devoted to business, stores, offices, etc. excepting the top floor, which is taken up with a hall 55x80 ft. in

area, used for public meetings and like purposes. Mr. Flannigen is proprietor of a flourishing job-printing establishment and owner and publisher of the "East St. Louis Truth," which he founded in 1892.

**D. S. SAGE, Real Estate, Loans and Insurance,** 133 N. 3rd Street.—The importance of the real estate interests in every community is generally conceded and the leading part which operators and dealers in realty take in the promotion of a city's growth. Among those to whom East St. Louis is indebted for the inauguration of that development which has characterized her business life of late years we must mention the name of Mr. David S. Sage. Born in Newcastle, Pa., Mr. Sage came to Illinois as a lad seven or eight years of age and received a school education at Mt. Carroll; in 1875 he entered railroad service in the employ of the C. B. & Q. with whom he remained for about ten years. Upon engaging in his present line of business he was first associated in partnership with Mr. S. P. Chapin conducting a real estate and insurance agency, to the sole interest in which he succeeded by purchase in 1890. Since then he has carried it on by himself and has built up a splendid connection in both departments. Besides handling important properties of his own he represents a number of leading capitalist and realty owners, takes charge of estates, buys and sells all classes of property on commission and has at all times upon his books a long list of the most desirable property in the business and residence portions of the city and suburbs. Mr. Sage is Secretary of the St. Clair Building & Loan Association, having succeeded Mr. Chapin in that office; he is also a Notary Public and an experienced conveyancer. This association was established in 1890 with 1000 shares in force but under the able management of its President Albert M. Melius the efficient board of directors, assisted by Mr. Sage the association has increased to a membership of 250 with a total of 5000 shares and it is credited with being one of the strongest associations in Southern Illinois. Mr. Sage is thoroughly acquainted with all classes of property and is considered an authority upon present and prospective values; his opinion is greatly in request among investors and he has exceptional facilities for negotiating loans on bonds and first mortgage deeds.

**JERRY J. KANE, City Clerk.**—Mr. Kane who is an East St. Louis boy, "born and raised" is now serving his first term, from April 1893 to April 1895, but it will not be for lack of competence in the discharge of his duties nor of willing friends that he does not continue in the official career which he has commenced so auspiciously. He possesses tact and energy, a ready courtesy and obliging disposition which make him universally popular. Prior to entering upon his present charge he has been engaged in railroad work with several roads, of which were the Chicago & Alton, Wabash, Cairo Short Line and B. & O. Southwestern. He is a member of the Democratic County Central Committee; Master Workman of A. O. U. W. Lodge 294; President of the A. of H. Division No. 1 and an active member of the K. of L.

**W.L.B. HART, Insurance and Real Estate Agent, Notary Public;** 210 Broadway.—The insurance and real estate of any city are always entitled to more than passing notice. Among the younger of the many capable men engaged in this direction, we have to mention Mr. W. L. B. Hart. Mr. Hart was some years practising in Kansas City and has been established in business since 1890 and during these five years has built up an excellent connection. He has had considerable experience as an underwriter of both fire and accident insurance and to these lines he gives most of his attention; the chief companies he represents are the Phoenix

Assurance Co., the Dubuque Fire and Marine and the Interstate Casualty Co. He well sustains the standing which these concerns have attained in business circles here and every season works up an important amount of new business. In real estate matters he gives prominence to the rental department and has always upon his books properties of all classes for business or residence purposes; he also does a general real estate business. As a gentleman of intelligent business ability and personal integrity, Mr. Hart is highly regarded.

**THE JOHN HANCOCK MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**, Boston, Mass., J. J. Raleigh, Sup't, St. Louis, Mo. 1230 Olive Street. W. T. Martin, Assistant Superintendent, East St. Louis, Ill., Room 10 Commercial Bldg., 208 Collinsville Avenue.—Life insurance in some form or another is recognized as an absolute necessity by all who desire that their families may be properly cared for after their death. Now the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company offers this protection to all at a nominal cost. Established thirty-two years it still retains its supremacy among mutual companies and is the only one of its class that is doing an industrial business. It has recently made a new departure in the form of a special adult policy which offers extended benefits and privileges to its holders. These policies are issued in sums of five hundred dollars at any ages between sixteen and sixty and like all other policies of this Company are in immediate benefit besides having a specially stated paid-up value after being in force two years and a cash surrender value after a like period. It is stated by authorities to be the most liberal policy ever issued by any company, where premiums are payable weekly. The local agency of this old time favorite was opened here in March, 1893, as a branch of the St. Louis office—J. J. Raleigh, superintendent; it is under the management of the Ass't Supt., W. T. Martin, a young underwriter of promising ability and extensive experience. This agency covers East St. Louis and the smaller towns in the immediate neighborhood and is represented by a staff of eight agents who are working up a valuable connection for the John Hancock. Mr. Martin is a native of the Old Dominion State and after closing his education in her public schools, came to St. Louis and adopted insurance as his life-work. He seems to be gifted with a natural aptitude for such a career and has made a good record for discharging the duties laid upon him.

**L. BECKER.**—Among the prosperous groceries of East St. Louis, and they are indeed a large number, we wish to mention that of Mr. Louis Becker, 701 Converse Avenue. He deals in all kinds of staple and fancy groceries and provisions and carries a large stock of sound and reliable goods in these lines; three people are employed in the house and two delivery wagons call for orders and deliver. The main store is 25x50 in area and there is ample warehouse accommodation in the rear. Mr. Becker is a native of Edwardsville, Ill., a painter by trade and has been a resident here since 1873 and for ten years previous to establishing himself in this present line was foreman of the Cairo Short Line Painting Department. He is an active business man the kind we call a "live" merchant and though it is under two years since the grocery was started, it commands to-day a very large proportion of the trade in this locality. Mr. Becker is a prominent Odd Fellow, Noble Grand for two terms, two years Financial Secretary, twice Recording Secretary and Treasurer one term; he is further a member of the order K. L. of H. and was Protector of the East St. Louis Lodge several years.

**EAST ST. LOUIS TURNING SHOP**, Henry Sternkopf, Manufacturer of Wooden Faucets; 306 Brady Avenue.—This business has had an active and useful existence of a quarter of a century, always in the hands of its present proprietor. The shop is located at the Short Line tracks on Brady Avenue, affording splendid facilities for receiving materials and shipment of finished products. The lines of manufacture embrace wooden faucets (the leading department) bungs, mouldings, post mallets, handles and all kinds of turning and the work done therein has been of such excellence as to secure a very extensive trade. The equipment is very complete, steam saws, lathes, planers, operated by a steam engine of 20 h. p. Mr. Sternkopf is himself a thoroughly practical expert mechanic and learned his trade in his own country of Germany from which he came to this place twenty-five years ago. By his well-directed efforts he has reared an eminently representative local industry.

**BENNETT & HUNT, Attorneys-at-Law**; 108 N. Main Street.—A co-partnership whose ability and influence are above question and place it in the front rank of the fraternity, the firm of Bennett & Hunt must be mentioned as we touch upon the professional interests of this city, the lawyers of which as a body occupy an honorable position at the Bar of Southern Illinois. The firm has only been established since last summer, but the senior member, Capt. Bennett, is one of those longest practising in this city. Capt. Bennett is a native of Tennessee and commanded a company during the war under his father, that distinguished officer Col. J. D. Bennett of the Seventh Bat. Tennessee Cavalry. He is one of the most fluent speakers at the Bar, ready-witted and an able extempore orator. He generously places his gifts in this direction at the service of his party and Democratic principles in this section have no more loyal supporters than he. Mr. A. A. Hunt was born in Belleville and educated for his profession in the Law School of McKendree College at Lebanon; he first entered railroad service and till recently was Assistant Cashier of the L. & N. R. R., but resigned the position and after being admitted to the Bar in June 1894, became associated with Capt. Bennett in this co-partnership. They do a general legal business but have a special leaning towards corporations and real estate practice and the management of estates and properties for non-residents and others. The combination is one of legal knowledge, financial ability and business sagacity and lends an added strength to the professional standing of East St. Louis.

**W. S. STAHL & CO.**, Real Estate and Loans, Flannigan Building, 121 N. 3rd St.—A well conducted enterprise of high utility is being carried on by Messrs. W. S. Stahl & Co. a reliable firm of real estate operators and dealers. The business has been well established, indicating much ability and energy in the management. Besides doing a general real estate business, buying and selling all descriptions of property, renting, collecting, managing estates, etc.; they make a special feature of selling houses and lots on installment payments and are prepared to build houses to suit the requirements of clients. This is a form of real estate business which peculiarly commends itself to the attention of workingmen, having considerable property for sale in the immediate vicinity of some of the more important manufacturing establishments, such as the Tudor Iron Works, Missouri Maleable Iron Works and Glass Works. Mr. W. S. Stahl is a native of Iowa, born in Indiana and educated at the Simpson College there; he has but recently taken up residence in East St. Louis and already has made a place for himself among a group of real estate men who are taking a notable share in the present movement for wide development of the city's best interests. He is also a member of the firm of Bartholomew & Stahl, Law and Collections.

**H. M. WILSON**, Justice of the Peace; Notary Public; Collector, 108 N. Main Street.—Mr. Wilson was first elected at a special election to fill the unexpired portion of Judge Noton's term of office and at the termination of that period, two years, was nominated and re-elected without his having taken any steps in the matter at all and in the face

moreover of very strong opposition. It is a matter of pride with himself and a tact for which the community owe him their gratitude that he has been the means of incarcerating more criminals than any Justice that ever sat in the Courts of this city. Mr. Wilson was born and brought up in Virginia and there for some time followed the business of manufacturing wood stirrups, axe and implement handles and various hard wood products, which he later engaged in at Columbus, Ky. He came to this city in 1857, engaging in the paint and glass trade, which he carried on until elected to his present position. In politics Mr. Wilson is a strong Democrat. He belongs to the Odd Fellows' fraternity and also to the order of the Knights of the Maccabees.

**DUNHAM & BARTLOW.** Architects and Superintendents, Adele Building, Broadway and Main St.—Upon no other profession does the present and future reputation of a city depend to such a degree as on that of the architect. We base our estimate of past ages and peoples largely upon the structures they have left as indices of their place in the history of civilization and our judgment of the cities of to-day is influenced to a considerable extent by the edifices which indicate the progress of architectural taste. Both members of this firm, Mr. J. M. Dunham and Mr. J. N. Bartlow, have been engaged individually in architectural practice in St. Louis for several years and only established their office on this side of the river in May last; they have already secured a good connection and as architects and building superintendents have carried to successful completion several of the very handsome residences lately added to the city. Mr. Bartlow is a native of Minneapolis, but learned his business in St. Louis. Mr. Dunham is a native of St. Louis, but completed his education in Illinois. They both commenced with a sound practical training as builders and carpenters. Church work, Public Buildings and fine residences are the lines to which they devote their attention.

**WISE & McNULTY,** Attorneys-at-Law, Adele Building, Main Street and Broadway.—This firm was originally instituted at Alton, Illinois where they still retain their connection, but have made this city the headquarters of their business since 1891. Messrs. Charles P. Wise and George McNulty constitute the firm. Mr. Wise, who is a native of the State, received his education at the Law school in Albany, N. Y., and has been a member of the Alton Bar since 1860, having probably a longer standing as an attorney than any now practising before that Bar. He has been City Attorney and Counsel for the Alton corporation and is now Attorney for the C. & A. Railroad. Mr. McNulty was born and brought up in that city, graduated at the St. Louis Law School and was admitted to practice in 1880; he was State Attorney for Madison County eight years and is presently Counsel for the St. Louis division of the Big Four, in Illinois. They are members of the Missouri Bar as well as of the Illinois and practice in all the courts of both States as well as in the United States Courts; they do a general legal business but have a special leaning towards corporation practice. The offices of the firm in the Adele Building at the corner of Main Street and Broadway are perhaps as pleasantly and comfortably furnished chambers as are to be found in the city and are adorned by a splendid library.

**WORKINGMEN'S BANKING CO.**—The Workingmen's Banking Co. is organized under the laws of Illinois governing State Banks and was established in 1869. Capital \$100,000, surplus \$22,000. Mr. B. Yoch is President, Mr. R. J. Whitney, Vice-President, both of whom are well known respectively in the coal and lumber interests, and Mr. Anthony Isch is Cashier; the Board of Directors, in addition to these three, comprises Messrs. H. D. Sexton, real estate and insurance; M. Mertell, hotel proprietor; H. Rowe, feed and grain dealer, and I. S. Scherrer, real estate. A general banking and foreign exchange business is transacted, special attention being given to collections, government, city and other negotiable bonds and stocks are bought and sold on commission and loans made at reasonable rates of interest upon proper securities. The bank is located in spacious premises at the corner of Broadway and Third Street and is

furnished with all modern means of protection and every facility common to a large city banking house. Mr. Anthony Isch, upon whose shoulders the active burden of the bank's management is devolved, is a native of St. Clair County, Ill., where for many years he was engaged in farming; he has been in his present position since 1884 and by his courtesy, business tact and knowledge of principles that underlie successful banking, has at all times proved himself an official of undoubted value to this institution.

**SCHAUB HARDWARE & IRON CO.**, Builder's Hardware, Agricultural Implements, Stoves, Copper, Tin and Sheet-Iron Ware, Cutlery, &c.—East St. Louis is to be congratulated upon the number of mercantile establishments which for style and extent would be creditable to many a town of much larger growth. One of the most notable is the hardware house of the Schaub Hardware and Iron Co., which besides being the most prominent is also the oldest in its special line. This business was established in 1866, by Mr. George Schaub and carried on by him until eight years ago when the present style was adopted, Mr. Schaub retaining the largest share and remaining in the management. The business is located in a large three story building, No. 312-14 Broadway, where every facility is provided for the accommodation of a heavy stock and the handling of an important trade with convenience and dispatch. With plenty of resources and buying from first hands; this concern is prepared to duplicate the prices of metropolitan houses and offers its trade many liberal inducements. Mr. Schaub is a German by birth and has lived in this country since 1853; he was at first located in St. Louis where he followed his trade of a coppersmith and seven years later moved to Illinois. For a year he engaged in farming then entered the copper department of the O and M. Ry. and in 1866 engaged in his present line, in which he has attained a splendid and well deserved success.

**MUELLER BROTHERS** Furniture and Carpet Company, A. O. Puellmann, Manager, 412, 414, 416 Broadway, East St. Louis.—In compiling an industrial review of this prosperous city a position of well-earned prominence should be accorded to this house. Originally established under the style of Mueller Brothers in 1852, the business was incorporated about fifteen years ago under the laws of Missouri; the principal place of business has always been St. Louis, Mo., the house in this city being established as a branch three years ago. They are located in splendid quarters in the Livingstone Block, 412 Broadway, occupying three floors 50x90 area, which are fully stocked with every description of furniture, both their own manufactures and those of other leading factories and extensive assortment of carpets, rugs and draperies. The business here is under the management of Mr. A. O. Puellmann, through whose energy an important connection of wide extent has been built up. The excellent quality of their wares and liberal policy of the management have combined to render the house highly popular and create a thorough confidence in the public as to their superiority. They pay the freight to the consumer within a 100 miles of East St. Louis. Catalogues furnished on application.

**JULES C. JALAGEAS,** Dealer in Staple and Fancy Groceries, No. 311 and 313 Broadway.—Although dealing in all kinds of staple and fancy groceries, in which the public are offered a very wide range of varieties, Mr. Jalageas is entitled to the thanks of all lovers of good living, for his enterprise in maintaining in his establishment the usual delightful features of an *Epicerie Francaise*. Mr. Jalageas is a native of sunny France, born and brought up in Paris where he was trained to those business habits and gained the experience that stands him in so good stead now; he has spent twenty years on this side of the ocean, partly in St. Louis, Mo., but for the last seven years here. The business is located in large premises. Those of our readers who are not yet acquainted with the tempting inducements afforded by Mr. Jalageas business methods and the quality and character of his wares, are recommended to lose no time in making themselves familiar with both.

**J. W. BARTHOLOMEW**, Law and Collection, 121 North 3rd St.—In reviewing the various business and professional interests of this city, Mr. J. W. Bartholomew, Attorney-at-Law, is entitled to be mentioned as among those who add to the influence of the East St. Louis Bar. A native of Indiana, in which State he was first admitted to practice, he started out as an editor before he was 21 years of age in Kankakee County, Northern Illinois in 1879 and in 1884 followed Greeley's advice and went west, locating in Grand Island, Neb., where he continued until the spring of 1891 and on account of his special knowledge of real estate law was induced by several large real estate manipulators to move to East St. Louis. His special learning throughout his career has been towards real estate matters and he is regarded as authority upon conveyances and titles; he acts as counsel for several of the largest real estate operators and property holders of the city. Recently he has associated himself with Mr. W. S. Stahl, in a law and collection agency under the style of Bartholomew & Stahl; in this his knowledge particularly of commercial law will prove highly beneficial and with the range of experience and ability possessed by both partners the new firm will undoubtedly build up a splendid connection.

**JAMES HODGES**, Big Muddy and Common Soft Coal, 411 Railroad Avenue & Rockroad.—Among popular establishments in an important branch of trade we must mention the business conducted by Mr. James Hodges. Mr. Hodges deals at both wholesale and retail in steam and domestic coal and is agent for the Crown Coal Company. Mr. Hodges was born in Jonesboro, Union County, Ill., where his father had an important mercantile business to which he himself succeeded and carried on for some years; he has been located in this city since 1880 and established the coal business six years ago. The steady patronage he has received since its inception demonstrates clearly the excellent manner in which the business is conducted. He stands well in the esteem of business and social circles; he is an active member of the G. A. R., Irwin McDowell Post No. 507, having seen service during the Civil War commencing as a high private in the Twelfth Illinois Infantry and mustering out as Corporal of the Thirteenth Cavalry.

**RODENBERG & CLARK**, Wholesale and Retail Dealers in all Grades of Anthracite and Bituminous Coal, Hay, Grain, Feed, Building Materials, Etc.; Office 100 West Broadway.—This firm comprising Mr. C. F. Rodenberg and Mr. A. T. Clark, has succeeded, by purchase, to the well-known business conducted by J. Baird Jr. Mr. Rodenberg was born in Metropolis, Ill. and Mr. Clark, while hailing originally from Cayuga Co., N. Y. has been resident here nearly twenty years. They bring to bear upon the enterprise in which they have just engaged a wide experience and practical knowledge of the coal business; Mr. Rodenberg was formerly Superintendent of the short Line Division of the Consolidated Coal Company's mines, while Mr. Clark was a long time in charge of the Rentchler Mines in this County. The office of the firm will be maintained at Mr. Baird's old stand 100 West Broadway, just at the west end of the viaduct and in the rear of this are the principal warehouses; four men and a like number of wagons and teams are employed outside and the principals themselves are undertaking the business management. Mr. Baird carried on his business in a reliable and responsible manner and achieved considerable success in its conduct and it will not be the fault of the policy adopted by the new firm if they fail to attain like results.

**MURRAY, McHALE & MURRAY**, Attorneys-at-Law, Commercial Building, 208 Collinsville Ave.—The first of the year brought about an accession to its standing and influence. We refer to the law firm of Murray, McHale & Murray, who commenced practice in this city a few weeks ago. The co-partnership comprises Mr. M. P. Murray, Mr. James McHale and Mr. H. V. Murray, from Carlyle, Ill., where they were previously in practice and still maintain an office. Mr. Murray Sr., a native of this state has been a member of the Bar at Carlyle for twenty-six years and has been States Attorney for Clinton County since 1879; he

was candidate for the Circuit bench at last election. Mr. McHale, born in Jacksonville, Ill., is also an old resident of Clinton County, was constable in Carlyle, then Sheriff of the county four years. Since his time expired at that office, he has been engaged in real estate interests, in connection with which his attention was turned to the profession of law; he studied under Mr. M. P. Murray and was admitted to the Bar by examination of the Appellate Court at Mt. Vernon in 1890. The junior member of the firm, Mr. H. V. Murray, was born in Carlyle, educated at St. Joseph's College Teutopolis, Ill., and after studying in his father's chambers, was admitted to the Bar in 1894. This combination of mature professional and business experience and younger energy is a peculiarly happy one and the high character of the firm is very generally recognized. As a legal firm and as individuals Messrs. Murray, McHale and Murray are welcomed to this city by both fraternity and laity.

**F. W. HACKMANN & CO.**, Transfer Agency, Transferring of Agricultural Implements a Specialty.—This firm was established in 1884, the parties being Mr. F. W. Hackman and Mr. Louis Berkmeyer and their business, which indeed is no small one, consists solely in acting as intermediary or transfer agents between the manufacturers and purchasers of agricultural implements and machinery. The business is located in convenient premises on Second Street adjoining the railway tracts, in a warehouse, 110x100 feet in area, three stories in height built of galvanized steel sheeting and fire proof; four persons are employed besides the principals and the office staff. The facilities for the conduct of their business are unusually complete and so enable them to fulfill all the requirements of their patrons in a most successful manner.

**CHAS. ADAMS**, New and Second-hand Furniture, Carpets, Stoves; 400 Broadway.—Young couples just commencing housekeeping or older persons wishing to add to their stock of furniture should examine Mr. Adam's large and complete stock, for the selection he offers is one that, in its range of quality and prices, cannot be easily duplicated. He deals in furniture, carpets, oilcloths, stoves in fact anything that enters into the furnishing of a house from a rolling pin to a baby's buggy; these goods are sold largely on time payments on the installment plan and as they sometimes find their way back into his hands after a few months wear, he has usually, besides the fresh elegant goods which constitute the bulk of his stock, several desirable bargains to be sold at second-hand prices. Mr. Adams was born in Germany and has been in East St. Louis since 1869; his present business has been established for fifteen years. He is a man of obliging and genial disposition, liberal dealings and honorable methods; with such qualities it is but natural that he should enjoy a wide esteem throughout the community.

**O. C. BATES, M. D.**, Office, 208 Collinsville Avenue.—As a body the medical fraternity of this section enjoy an eminent professional standing. Dr. Bates is one of the physicians of longest standing now in active practice in St. Clair County. Born in the southern part of this State, he was brought up in Ohio, where he received his preliminary education; he afterwards attended the St. Louis Medical College, St. Louis, Mo. from which he received his M. D. in 1865. He commenced practice in the County, in which he remained twenty-one years and five years ago settled permanently in town. He helped to organize the St. Clair Medical Society, which has since become a power in the State and acted also as its President and Secretary. As one of the old Directors of the Public Library here, Dr. Bates had an active part in its re-organization and in installing it in new quarters and as chairman of the committee gave valuable assistance in the selection of books. Dr. Bates is somewhat of a bibliophile himself, making the collection of works on ethnology his special hobby; he is a member of the Academy of Sciences and Associate Member of the Smithsonian Institute. He commands public confidence in a marked degree and enjoys the respect due to him as a scholar, a gentleman and a citizen.

SACKS' HIGH SCHOOL OF MUSIC, McCasland Opera House.—In educational matters, music of course belongs to the higher and more refined planes but occupies a position of no less importance than more practical subjects on that account; it is generally conceded and proven by experience that it is in the broadest mental development and most liberal culture of its citizens that the greatest possibilities exist for any community. Among the educational facilities of East St. Louis, which have been treated of at greater length in our general notes upon the city itself, there is one institution which is worthy of special mention and that is Sacks' High School of Music, as it affords means for attaining a thorough training in this study. The school was founded in 1889, by Messrs. Edward and Nathan Sacks, in connection with Mr. Victor Lichtenstein and was then known as Sacks & Lichtenstein's Conservatory of Music. At first it was located in the Launtz Building but secured and removed to its present very desirable and suitable

this writing Mr. Edward Sacks is in Germany following up his previous studies and training, with a view to concert work, and the direction of the school devolving upon Mr. Nathan Sacks is being splendidly carried out by him, with effective assistance from Miss Elsie Barnard. Miss Barnard recently graduated from the school, playing a recital program of great difficulty on that occasion, evincing a thoroughness of technic and power of



NATHAN SACKS.

quarters immediately on the completion of the Opera House, about three years ago. Mr. Lichtenstein withdrew from the partnership at this time and the school has since been carried on under its present name; a branch of the institution is maintained at 3311 Pine street, St. Louis, Mo. to which place the principals belong by birth and residence. They studied under the first teachers there and seem to possess that inborn tact and power of imparting knowledge to others without which the finest training in the world would not produce a competent or at least really successful teacher. At



MISS ELSIE BARNARD.

interpretation that will long be remembered by the audience then present. The school is in a prosperous condition and is doing an excellent work, being well sustained in the good opinion of those who have knowledge of its conduct; it has the name of achieving very satisfactory results from the beginners in the preparatory grade to the students in the finishing courses. Diplomas and teacher's certificates are granted to those who have reached the standard and it is a high one that is required of them and gold medals and special diplomas are conferred upon those who complete the post-graduate course. Class Musicales are held every few weeks through the session and recitals by the Faculty, which are proving of great educational value. An extensive library relating to all matters bearing more or less directly upon the study of music, which is accessible to every student, contributes not a little to the completeness of the School's equipment.

**R. SCHUETTE**, Painter, Dealer in Paints, Wall-paper, Oils, Putty, Glass, Varnishes, Brushes, Whiteners Supplies, Etc., 611 Missouri Av.—Among the older business interests of the city we must mention the establishment of R. Schuette. Mr. Schuette was born in Germany and came to Illinois twenty-four years ago; he established this business in 1877, and has steadily enlarged its scope and worked up a fine trade. He has been located at the present stand ten years, and built his present handsome little store during last summer. His stock is quite large and has to be constantly extended to meet the demands of his growing business; in the coming spring he will put in a very complete line of wall papers, embracing all the latest designs and popular varieties. He employs a steady force of three men; he has an excellent record for the successful issue to which he carries all contracts, and this coupled with the moderation of his charges, secures him many important orders. He is, at this writing, about to commence on the painting contract for the Heim Brewing Company's new plant.

**FINKE'S CANDY KITCHEN**, Manufacturer of Ice Cream, Candy and Confectionery.—The leading house in East St. Louis is Finke's Candy Kitchen, of which Mr. S. J. Finke is the sole proprietor. It was established four years ago, and has from the first enjoyed substantial patronage. Purity is one of the essential pre-requisites of these goods, and the advantage of dealing with a house that has the reputation of making none but the best, is clearly manifest. Besides taking special care in the selection of his materials, Mr. Finke exercises such supervision over the details of manufacture, that he is enabled to secure from his employees the precautions necessary to ensure satisfactory results, and this is the basis and foundation upon which he has reared a splendid trade. The premises occupied at 216 Collinsville Avenue comprise two large floors, one for manufacturing and one for retail purposes. Besides manufacturing candy, confectionery and ice-cream, Mr. Finke deals in fruits of all kinds in their season and oysters in the oyster months; his parlors are a very popular resort among the youth, beauty and fashion in the city. Mr. Finke is a native of Alton, Ill., learned his trade in St. Louis and for sometime was engaged in business in Wichita, Kan.

**FREDERICK PLATE**, Watchmaker and Jeweler, Dealer in Fine Watches, Jewelry, Clocks and Silverware, 325 Collinsville Ave.—A native of Germany where he learned his trade, Mr. Plate has been a resident in Millstadt, in this county, since 1857; about a year ago he removed to East St. Louis and has already succeeded in working up a good trade. He deals in fine watches, clocks, jewelry and silverware and makes a feature of repairing high-class timepieces, at which work he is an acknowledged expert. His skill does justice to his training, and under capable management his establishment bids fair to achieve a full measure of prosperity. Mr. Plate is a member of the Odd-fellows fraternity, and has long been the representative from Millstadt to the Grand Lodge of Southern Illinois; he has also belonged to the K. of H. since 1872.

**J. C. LANGE**, Blue Front Boot and Shoe Store, 104 Collinsville Ave.—This business affords a splendid example, worthy of the attention, of what may be accomplished by perseverance, industry and integrity. Mr. J. C. Lange the proprietor was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1858 and after finishing his trade in New York he came to Illinois, and just twelve years ago established a small cobbler's shop in this place. After six years steady work he launched out into the wider field, opening the store, which within the six years ensuing has grown to its present proportions. Mr. Lange carries a large stock of boots and shoes; everything is of the best in its class, and a special feature is made of the finer lines of footwear. He still does a good deal of custom work, and in every branch of the business enjoys an important trade and holds the confidence of his patrons.

**ALEXANDER FEKETE**, M. D., Office 322 Collinsville Ave.—Dr. Alexander Fekete, one of our most esteemed gentlemen has been in practice in this city since 1865. He was born in Buda-Pesth,

Hungary, in which city he received his preliminary education, afterwards studying medicine in the schools of Vienna. He took an active part in the Hungarian Revolution of 1848-49, fighting on the side of Louis Kossuth, and when he had to flee under proscription in the following year, he accompanied that patriot to this country. A year or two afterward he entered the full course of the St. Louis Medical College from which he graduated in 1854. Dr. Fekete's love of fighting had not deserted him when our Civil War broke out, and having tendered his services he was appointed Surgeon to the 5th M. S. M. Cavalry, with which he served for three years. On being mustered out he established himself in practice in this city and for thirty years has been a familiar and welcome visitor in the homes of St. Clair county. Dr. Fekete has been Assistant County Physician, City Health Officer, President of the Board of Health for four terms, and was Postmaster under the last Republican Administration. He now devotes himself entirely to private practice; he holds the warm regard of his brother doctors, and possesses the good will of the community in a very marked degree.

**M. C. HUGGINS**, Pharmacist.—Mr. M. C. Huggins, owner of the attractive pharmacy at 634 Collinsville Avenue, was born and raised in Illinois, and came to this place some three years ago; he is a graduate of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, class of '93, and a member of its Alumni Association. When he commenced business in this city he was located further down the avenue, but moved to the desirable stand now occupied, about two years ago. The store is equipped in modern style and stocked with a very full assortment of drugs, chemicals, medicines, essences and extracts, perfumes, toilet articles, mineral waters, druggists' sundries. Mr. Huggins' prescription trade is very large; he employs two assistants. A man of much professional ability he enjoys the confidence of the medical fraternity as well as the people at large; at present he holds appointment as County Pharmacist.

**BEHRENS & CO.**, Dealers in Wall Paper, Carpets, Oil Cloths, 213 Collinsville Ave.—This store centrally located between Missouri and St. Louis Avenues, is large and well lighted and affords customers every facility for examining the goods under proper conditions; there is always a large stock in hand, embracing the latest novelties, fresh from the looms offering a wide range of qualities, styles and values. Besides carpets, they carry window shades, lace curtains, portieres, rugs and linoleums and have a staff of competent workmen ready at short notice to put up curtains or to put down carpets. The business was established four years ago by Mr. E. H. Behrens who is the active head of the concern, and it is through his energy and enterprise that it has attained its present important standing; the house enjoys a large trade, retaining an ample share of the best city patronage and every succeeding year finds its business connections increasing in a steady and most encouraging manner. This firm has recently introduced picture frames and room molding which they manufacture to order on short notice and in the most artistic manner in any style.

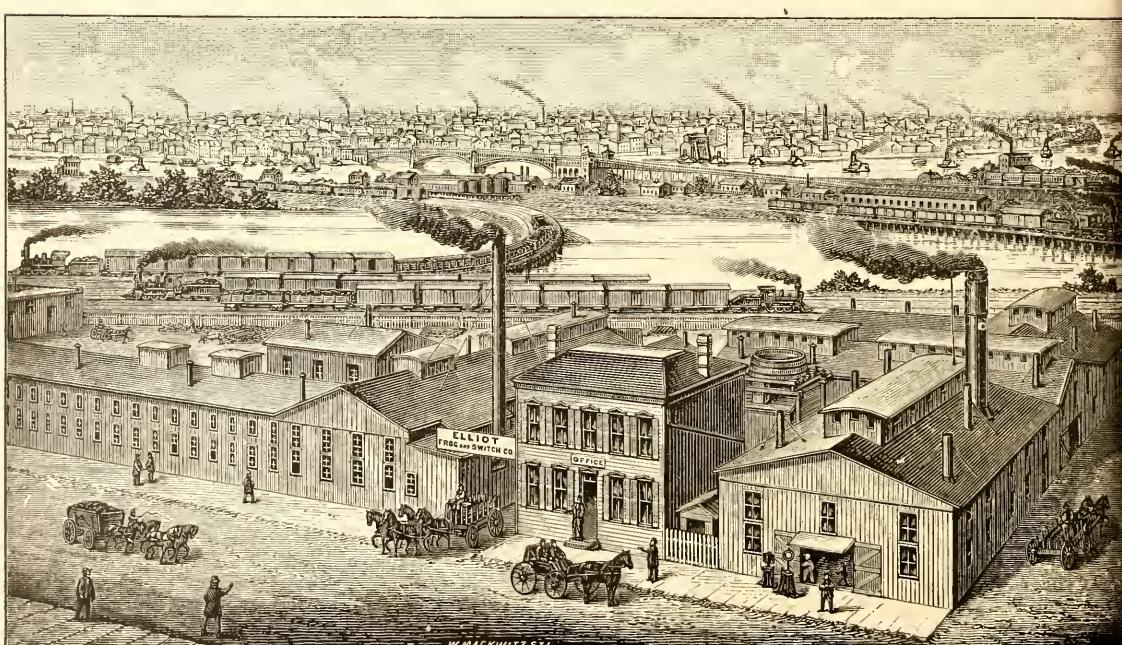
**FRANK B. JORDAN**, Hardware and Stoves, Furniture, Carpets, Oil Cloth, Paints and Oils.—This business occupies a large double building 400 and 402 Collinsville Avenue, where every convenience is provided for the accommodation of a heavy stock. Mr. Jordan is a native of St. Louis, Mo., and located in the hardware business here in 1888, for five years prior to which he had been in business in Venice, Ill.; three years ago he added the furniture department. In hardware he carries everything ever included under that comprehensive title, as well as stoves, ranges and heaters, tin, copper and sheet iron ware, and is always ready for any kind of job-work or repairs in the line of roofing, spouting or guttering. In furniture, carpets and other house furnishings, the stock is also elaborate. Mr. Jordan's business methods are sound and added to his progressive spirit cannot fail to secure him the permanent enjoyment of his present gratifying success.

**DR. M. G. PARSONS,** Specialist, 506 Collinsville Ave.—A native of the Buckeye State, Dr. Parsons received his professional education at the St. Louis Medical College and later at the Chicago Medical College and is a graduate of both, besides he holds the Diploma of the Eye and Ear Infirmary in connection with the last named. He was for some time engaged in practice in Carbondale, Ill., and while there was chief examining Surgeon to the Board of Pensions. He was then several years located in Helena, Mont., and in October last established himself in this place, bringing with him an enviable reputation as a specialist in surgical and medical diseases of the eye ear and throat. He has already gained a good connection and is making many appreciative friends.

**WM. QUERNY,** Groceries and Provisions, 106 & 108 South Main Street.—Mr. Querney was born in Ireland but crossed the Atlantic about forty years ago, established his business in 1874 and from the very outset it has been well sustained in public favor. Every succeeding year has brought a due increase of patronage and the custom now includes a very large proportion of the best city trade; besides Mr. Querney himself five persons and two delivery wagons are engaged. The store is located in extensive premises, comprising one large floor and basement and a warehouse in the rear. Mr. Querney is recognized as a shrewd merchant, one of the substantial business men of the city; he was six years a member of the Board of Education and Supervisor of the County Board for two terms.

**ELLIOT FROG & SWITCH CO.**—This concern was founded in 1873 by Messrs. Henry and George Elliot, and after the decease of the latter in 1875, his son, Mr. Henry Elliot, Jr., having been taken into partnership, was carried on under the style of H. & H. Elliot until 1883, when the business was incorporated as the Elliot Frog and Switch Co. H. & G. Elliot were the first people, outside of railroad companies, to engage in the manufacture of frogs and indeed it was while Mr. Henry Elliot was master mechanic for the O. & M. that he and his brother conceived the idea, which has been carried out with such prominent success. The business was started in a comparatively small way, principally on the lines of a blacksmith forge, from which by degrees, the Messrs. Elliot literally "forged" their way, not to the front rank only but to the first place in the trade. Where they led others have

followed, but they still to-day maintain an undiminished supremacy and superiority and indeed it is granted by a consensus of practical opinion that this concern has advanced to very near perfection in their special lines of manufacture. Their first work was done for the M. & O. Ry. and soon afterwards they entered upon contract for the switches and crossings of the Eads Bridge which was just being completed and from that time forward they have scarce had an idle day. The lines of production embrace rigid and spring frogs, split switches and switch stands, wrought iron head chairs, rail braces, and bridle rods. Their Eureka Frog is the safest and most durable frog in existence. The works are located in East St. Louis, upon South Main Street where they cover two entire blocks. Some very powerful tools may be seen here, particularly four or five steam saws, cutting seventy-five pound rails into lengths, as easily as if they were lumber; it may be of interest, as indicating the output capacity, to mention that the consumption of these rails during the year just closed, was over 4,000 tons. Two engines, aggregating 150 h. p. are required and another works the dynamos which furnish one hundred and fifty incandescent lamps (32 c. p.) that are distributed over the shops for night work. Upwards of 175 men find employment with an annual pay-roll ranging from seventy-five to eighty thousand dollars and it is a pleasure to note that relations subsisting between employers and employed, present an emphatic illustration of that confraternity and co-operation of capital and labor, which is the soundest basis of national prosperity. During the long time that the works have been in operation there has never been a dispute or labor disturbance of any kind. The principals of this concern are "men of parts," to use a quaint but expressive phrase borrowed from earlier times. Mr. Henry Elliot, founder of the business and President of the Company is a native of Jedburgh, Scotland, born near the Debateable Land where not many generations ago moss-troopers rode and fought and among them "My name is little Jock Elliot, wha daur meddle wi me." Henry Elliot Jr. son of the late Mr. George Elliot, is Vice-President and Secretary and Mr. W. H. son of the President, is Treasurer. Mr. Elliot, Sr., has spent one third of a century in America in active harness and leaves the business mostly to the younger partners and it is a tribute to their ability that the Company continues to hold the splendid reputation it has always enjoyed.



**J. M. SULLIVAN & BROS.**, Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Staple and Fancy Groceries, Wines, Liquors, Tobaccos and Cigars, and all Kinds of Fresh and Salt Meats. 100 & 102 South 4th Street, Branch Store, 721 and 723 Collinsville Avenue.—This firm which is one of the best houses in East St. Louis, was founded in 1884; the scope of its retail department ramifies all over this county and the wholesale trade covers the territory between here and Decatur, Ills. and Evansville, Indiana. The premises occupied by the main store at 100-102 South 4th Street are very commodious, each department being separately equipped and ample ware house room affords every accommodation. Two years ago a branch store was opened at 721-3 Collinsville Ave., which has proved a desirable accession to the retail interests in that section of the town; it holds strictly to a cash basis. Three brothers, J. F. Sullivan, J. T. Sullivan and R. A. Sullivan constitute the firm; the senior member was born in St. Louis but brought up in Leavenworth, Kas. where his brothers were born. Mr. Sullivan was President of the Board of Education for three terms and it was during his administration that Lincoln school, the first large school building in the city, was erected; he is at present Secretary to the Board of Election Commissioners while his brother, R. A. Sullivan is a member of the city council.

**HOGAN BROS.**, Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Clothing and Carpets.—Among the larger stores of this city the establishment conducted by Messrs. Hogan Bros. occupies a position of note by reason of the important stock they carry as well as the high principles governing all their business dealings, Mr. Thomas Hogan taking the active management of the concern. The business was established three years ago. The premises occupied at 14 & 16 Collinsville Ave. comprise a double building affording ample floor-space; six salespeople find their time fully occupied. The Messrs. Hogan are natives of Effingham County and came here from Carlisle, Ill. where they were in business; they are interested in a store carried on in Effingham, under the same style, Hogan Bros. and themselves have a branch store at 1410 & 1412 N. Grand Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

**C. L. GRAY**, Contractor and Builder.—One of the most progressive and intelligent contractors in this district is Mr. C. L. Gray, who has been established here four years. Born and raised in Olney, Ill. he learned the trade of carpenter there and afterwards moved to this city to continue in that line. In 1890 he commenced business as a contractor, since when he has been steadily extending his knowledge as well as his reputation and has gained an excellent connection. Mr. Gray who employs an average force of eighteen men, furnishes estimates for all kinds of contracting or jobbing work and prepares his own plans and specifications, having acquired a sound knowledge of architecture through special experience. He has the name of carrying to successful issue whatever work may be entrusted to him. An important contract on which he is presently engaged is the erection of seven villa residences on the Alta Vista property, six of which are already completed, while among those which he has filled within the past two or three years, the following may be enumerated as representatives. Residences for John Kickhaus, Esq., Thomas Wood, Esq., D. S. Sage, Esq., Judge Canby, F. P. Hager, Esq., several flats for Miss V. Haileysee, store building for Capt. J. J. McLean and John Weis, Esq., six houses built for C. D. McCasland and we might add a fine store building at Staunton, Ill. erected for Messrs. Crevoer and Aschibacker.

**B. GOEDDE & CO.** Lumber, Office and Yards, Missouri Ave. Near Cor. Tenth Street.—Among the prosperous business interests of the city, the above as one of the pioneers in its special line of trade, is worthy of the reviewer's notice. The business was established over twenty years ago, Mr. B. Goedde being then as now the sole owner, though trading under the style of B. Goedde & Co. The yard covers an entire block and is well furnished with sheds, dry houses etc. for taking proper care of several million feet of lumber; eight persons are engaged in the business, which is principally retail and in its scope covers the entire city and much of

the surrounding neighborhood. Mr. Goedde is of German birth and has lived in East St. Louis thirty-seven years, during all of which time he has been identified with the lumber interests. By his mature experience and personal supervision he is able to maintain his business in the very front ranks of trade and is recognized as one of the most progressive and enterprising lumber dealers in this section.

**C. F. WILHELMJ**, M. D., Office No. 13 North Main Street. Residence 1856 St. Louis Avenue. Born in Washington County in this State Dr. Wilhelmj was brought up in the neighboring County of Monroe and was later educated at schools in St. Louis and St. Joseph, Mo. He was educated for his profession in the St. Louis Medical College in connection with the Washington University (St. Louis, Mo.) from which in 1880 he received the degree of M. D. Returning to Maeystown, his old home, he engaged in general family practice, remaining there for five years after which he removed to this city, where he has gathered round him a large number of appreciative friends and patients. In 1889 he was appointed City Physician and served in that capacity until the demands of a growing private practice required him to relinquish the appointment. He is a member of the Southern Illinois Medical Association and the Medical Societies of St. Clair County and Monroe County; he is Examining Surgeon for the A. O. U. W. of which organization he is an active member and is Chief Examiner for the New York Life and other insurance companies.

**CHARLES MAUER**, Dealer in Hardware, Stoves and Tinware, House Furnishing Goods, Roofing, Guttering and Spouting, 222 Collinsville Ave.—One of the most important houses in its own line of business in this city is the hardware store conducted by Mr. Charles Mauer. The business was established in 1858 and for the last ten years has been located in its present handsome quarters owned and built by Mr. Mauer himself. In the store every convenience is provided for the accommodation and proper display of stock and by the tasteful arrangement of the goods of various classes a very pleasing and attractive appearance is presented. The main lines carried are hardware, general, shelf, builders, all kinds of mechanics' tools, farm implements and so on, stoves, tinware and roofing, guttering and spouting. A wellequipped shop and staff of efficient workmen is maintained for job-work and repairs—the house altogether employs from six to eight people. With its long standing connection and the excellent business methods employed, splendid trade is enjoyed by their establishment at all times and every year brings some considerable increase of patronage. Mr. Mauer is from the northern part of this State originally, but has been resident here for twenty-four years; he is an active member of the K. of P., and the M. W. of A. and also belongs to the Independent Order of Heptasophs.

**FRANK J. GUTWALD**, Stoves and Hardware, Etc.; 435 Collinsville Avenue.—Many new business houses have been springing up of late years, but none of more importance in their lines than that which Mr. Frank J. Gutwald established three and a half years ago. As a dealer in stoves and hardware, tin, copper, and sheet iron ware, paints, oils, varnishes, brushes and glass and all their concomitants he shows himself to be a progressive merchant, handling the latest and best goods of every variety, keeping abreast of and anticipating his trade; while in furnace work (a specialty) in roofing, guttering, spouting and general job-work he has a reputation for executing orders in a thoroughly workmanlike, reliable and expeditious manner. A native of St. Louis, Mo. where he was educated, he learned his trade on this side of the River and for nine years was engaged with a prominent hardware establishment in this city. Leaving that, he set up in business for himself on the lines indicated and within the comparatively brief span of less than three years has built up a trade which requires the steady employment of eight persons besides himself. Mr. Gutwald is a Director of the Second Mutual Loan Association and an active member of the A. O. U. W.

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J. EWENS, General Repair Shop, 411 Collinsville Avenue.—It is a sad fact that things will get broken or wear out, but the sorrow is considerably lightened by knowing that right in your own town there is a skilful mechanic who can execute the necessary repairs. Mr. J. Ewens opened a general repair shop at 411 Collinsville Avenue on the 20th of November last and is prepared to do any kind of repair work, at reasonable prices, particularly watches, clocks, jewelry, music boxes, guns, pistols and sewing machines. He is a native of Russia where he received a thorough practical training as a watch-maker and jeweler; he came to this country in 1887 and prior to settling in this city was in business in New York, much upon the line, of his present venture but with dry-goods and notion department additional. He has the knack and ability which is partly natural, partly the result of long practice and is a recognized expert at all kinds of light mechanical work. Mr. Ewens has just established a branch at Madison Ill., where his purposes to subserve the interest of the citizens of that city as well as of Granite City, Venice and Brooklyn.

G. H. KEMPER & CO., Flour, Meal, Hay, Corn, Oats, Bran, Shipstuff, Seeds, Etc.; 106, 108 & 110 Collinsville Ave.—This business was established in 1869 under the style of Kemper & Roeve and remained as such until 1883, when the present firm was formed, Mr. Roeve retiring and his place being taken by Mr. F. W. Bredenkamp. Both are natives of Missouri and brought up on that side of the River, but now for some time resident here. Mr. Kemper has been identified with the business life of the city for twenty-seven years past. The business quarters cover three floors 50x60 ft. in area. The partners are members of the St. Louis Merchants Exchange and have many friends among the commission men of that city, as well as among the producers and shippers on both sides of the River. Mr. Kemper is a Director of the First National Bank and Alderman for the Fourth Ward. He is also a director of the Public Library and Superintendent and Treasurer of St. Peter's Cemetery Association.

JAMES J. RAFTER, Attorney-at-Law, 308 1/2 Missouri Avenue. At the East St. Louis Bar we find the well known name of James J. Rafter. Born in Augusta, Maine, where he received his earlier education, he came to Sangamon County in 1848, his father at that time removing from Augusta to settle in Illinois; later Mr. Rafter graduated at the Springfield High School and afterwards attended the Niagara University of New York from which he received the degree of A. M. He first engaged in teaching and before long was Principal of Pleasant Plains School in Sangamon County and in 1869 came to East St. Louis to take a position in a school here; after a year or two he decided to embark in the legal profession and going to Springfield read law under the firm of Stewart, Edwards & Brown, after which preparation he presented himself for examination before the Supreme Court by whom he was admitted to the Bar in 1874. Since returning to this city which he did immediately afterwards, Mr. Rafter has built up a large and successful practice giving his attention to legal matters generally with a strong leaning towards real estate matters. From 1875 to 1878 he was one of the City School Trustees, in 1878 was appointed Acting-Mayor and was elected a member of the City Council, serving as an Alderman for six years. Broadly educated and well read, Mr. Rafter is thoroughly versed in legal principles and practice and takes high standing among his professional brethren; he is an active politician, a member of the Democratic Central Committee and belongs to various social organizations, such as the Knights of the Maccabees, the National Union and the A. O. of H.

EAST ST. LOUIS CALL, 445 Broadway.—The "East St. Louis Call" made its initial bow to the public on the 22nd day of last December and was warmly received by all and sundry in business and social circles alike and made most welcome. The paper made a good impression on its first appearance, which subsequent numbers have served to sustain and there is every prospect of successful issue to the enterprise; it is a six-column quarto printed in good, clear type on good paper and

tastefully arranged, with its advertising matter attractively displayed, but in a quiet decent manner. In politics it is independent and casting itself on the side of law and order, has taken hold with vim and energy in helping on the work now going on in the development of our city. Messrs. T. J. Williams and W. M'C. Williams are the publishers; they are natives of Chicago but have lived in and close to East St. Louis the great part of their lives; there are three brothers in the family all practical printers, so that the mechanical department will be in good hands. Mr. T. J. Williams is editor, he is besides a printer, a newspaper man of experience, formerly editing a paper at Belleville, then Lebanon, Ill., and more recently at El Dorado; the "Call" under his vigorous management cannot but enjoy a prosperous career.

JESSE W. BLYTHE, Attorney-at-Law, Room 7, Flannegan Building, N. 3rd St.—Mr. Jesse W. Blythe must be mentioned as a young lawyer of much promise. He was brought up on a farm near Shelbyville, Ill., until he was twelve years old, when he came to this place to continue his preliminary education; he afterwards entered the Law Department of McEndree College whence he graduated, after having studied law under Judge Flannegan of this city for two years. In the early part of this year he was admitted to the Bar and at once began practice. He is a diligent student of everything pertaining to the law and possessed of much characteristic energy, his career is now before him and as he is steadily rising in the esteem of the profession and in the confidence of his friends its prospect is one of assured and merited success.

L. PFEIFFENBERGER & SON, Architects, Mechanical Draughtsmen and General Superintendents, Office, Collinsville Avenue, One Door North of East St. Louis Bank.—The business which this firm carry on was established here about three years ago, as an offshoot from that which the senior member of the firm, Mr. Lucas Pfeiffenberger, has conducted, with eminent success, for almost thirty years at Alton, Ill.; that business he still carries on under his own name, and the East St. Louis firm is represented by his son, Mr. G. D. Pfeiffenberger, a young architect of great promise. The senior member of the firm, who is of German birth, is regarded as one of the leading architects in this part of the State. Mr. G. D. Pfeiffenberger was born in Alton, and received his training in his father's office; his work reflects credit alike upon his instructor and upon his own natural aptitude. Among examples of their superior work we may instance P. W. Abt's residence, A. M. Meintz' business block and hotel building on North Third Street, Mrs. Elizabeth Winstanley's residence in Winstanley Park, the Police Station and Hosehouse No. 2, the Waddingham Block on Collinsville Avenue, the German Evangelical Emanuel Church and the new Catholic church in Belleville.

A. R. KORRECK, Merchant Tailor, 419 Missouri Ave.—To be properly clothed is almost as necessary as to be properly fed, and it is therefore a matter of congratulation for the people of this city that a new merchant tailoring establishment of the first-class has been started here. The business to which we refer is that of Mr. A. R. Korreck, who on the 15th of January last opened up that handsome tailor's store in the Laantz Building. Mr. Korreck has laid in stock worth several thousand dollars, embracing foreign and domestic woollens and suitings of the latest fashionable patterns; he is prepared to make suits to order on very short notice, guaranteeing first-class work, and will also undertake all kinds of cleaning, dyeing and repairing. Four men are employed in the shop besides the proprietor. Mr. Korreck learned his trade in his own country, Germany, which he left only about three years ago, locating first in St. Louis Mo., where he carried on a similar line. From the vigor and ability with which he has engaged in his new venture, and particularly as he is sustained by a wide business experience, there is little doubt but that he will soon place it on a most successful footing; already the indications point in favor of a large trade and his work is such as cannot fail to win the approval and confidence of the people.

**DR. JOHN STACK.** Office, 503 1-2 Missouri Ave., Residence 617 Summit Ave.—The medical profession finds no better representative in East St. Louis, than Dr. John Stack, who though a comparatively recent accession to her medical ranks, occupies an enviable position among the fraternity. Dr. Stack was born and brought up in East St. Louis and educated across the river; he graduated from the St. Louis Medical College in 1891. From '90 to '93 he was physician in charge of the St. Louis City Hospital where he gained much clinical experience. In October, 1893, Dr. Stack returned to his home and established himself here in general private practice. He has since been steadily building up a wide connection, steadily increasing the number of his friends and gaining from them due recognition of his ability in contradiction of the saying that a prophet has little honors in his own country, one of the exceptions that prove the rule. Dr. Stack is a member of the St. Louis Medical Society, the St. Louis City Hospital Medical Society and the St. Clair County Medical Society of Illinois.

**EUGENE THOMPSON, M. D.**, Office, 318 1-2 Missouri Avenue, Jacklesch Building.—Among the rising medical men of this section the name of Dr. Eugene Thompson, a well known member of the East St. Louis fraternity, must be mentioned. Born in St. Clair County, Dr. Thompson received his literary education at Shurtleff College, Alton (Upper), Ill., from which he proceeded to the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis, where he went through a long course of professional study, graduating with the class of '90. Since shortly after that time he has been in practice here, constantly extending his reputation as both physician and surgeon and has become very popular in the community. He was County Physician for two years and is now Chief Examiner for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., with which exception he devotes his whole time to private practice. He is respected alike for his professional standing and social qualities. Dr. Thompson is recognized as one of our foremost citizens; he is somewhat active in fraternity circles, being an Oddfellow, Modern Woodman of America and a member of the K. and L. of H.

**J. GALLENBECK,** Groceries, 1300 St. Louis Avenue.—This is an establishment which enjoys a wide-spread popularity and controls the trade in its own district. The business was only established two years ago, but that has been long enough for the public to become convinced as to the straightforward methods of Mr. Gallenbeck and the excellent quality of the stock he carries. He deals at retail in choice family groceries and provisions, cigars, notions, stationery, candles and cakes and in season has fruits and ice-cream also. The store at 1300 St. Louis Avenue although not large is so arranged that a good large assortment of these various lines can be accommodated; two people are employed and two wagons are in constant service taking orders and making deliveries. The proprietor was born and raised in Germany and came to this country fourteen years ago, settling first in St. Louis, Mo., where he was connected with the same line of business. He has now been a resident in this city four years in which time he has gained recognition as a worthy citizen and an energetic man of business. Mr. Gallenbeck is a member of the Treubund.

**TRENDLEY & WINSTANLEY,** Real Estate and Insurance, Office Room 301, Lovington Block, Broadway.—The development within the last year or two of the city's business interests in general has been quite remarkable and the growth of her real estate interests perhaps most remarkable of all. Among recent accessions to the ranks of the progressive real estate men we must mention the firm of Trendley & Winstanley, inaugurated in October of last year; they have commenced business as real estate and insurance agents, and are rapidly developing a fine connection. On their books they have a great variety, desirably situated city and suburban properties for business and residential purposes for sale, lease or rent; they negotiate loans in any desired amounts and have the exclusive handling of the sub-divisions known as Trendley's Addition and Winstanley Park. These are fine residence properties, with graded streets and sidewalks and by spring will

have electric transit connecting with the city centre by way of the Scullin Electric Line. The members of the firm are Mr. J. M. Trendley and Mr. Jerome Winstanley, Jr., both sons of citizens so well known as to require little introduction to the people of East St. Louis. Mr. Trendley's grandfather was one of the first settlers in the town, John T. Trendley, one of the founders of the Wiggins Ferry. Mr. Winstanley's father was also a prominent citizen, and though now a resident of Colorado is still largely interested here.

**STANDARD OIL COMPANY.**—Notwithstanding the enormous development in the application of electricity for illuminating purposes, oil (petroleum) still remains the chief source from which a large proportion of the human race obtain their light after the sun goes down. It is commonly supposed that immense fortunes have been made out of this manufacture and probably the surmise is correct, but it is only right that the men who undertake the proper manufacture and employ immense sums of money in the distribution of an article so widely and extensively used should receive a generous reward, ample enough to be commensurate with the benefits they confer upon the people at large. The Standard Oil Co., has agencies in every quarter and depots in the more important towns, the head-offices being maintained in Cincinnati, Ohio. The East St. Louis agency has been opened since 1884, always under the management of Mr. J. F. Hinch, who came from Kansas City to establish the depot. This office controls the Southern part of the State, having sub-agencies at Alton, White Hall and Carbondale; eleven persons are employed under the manager, four in the depot office, three travelling agents and four warehousemen. The warehouse has eight steel tanks, holding an aggregate bulk of 18,000 gallons, while there is accommodation for four hundred 50-gal. barrels besides. Mr. Hinch was born in England (Northamptonshire); he has been with the Standard Oil Company for fourteen years and previous to coming to East St. Louis was cashier of the branch office in Kansas City. As a gentleman of sterling business qualities, he is well fitted to represent the great concern whose interests he has in charge.

**C. L. MOELLER, M. D.**; Office and Residence: 18 N. Main St.—Among the physicians of the city one who has gained a solid position, is Dr. C. L. Moeller. Born on the other side of the river, he was educated at the Missouri Medical College in St. Louis from which he received his M. D. degree in 1887. He commenced practice in Dallas, Texas afterwards removing to Cisco, Eastland County and after remaining for six years in the Lone Star State, returned to civilization, establishing himself in practice here last fall. He is steadily building up a good connection and is very much liked in the homes amongst which he goes out and in and is regarded as a welcome acquisition to the community.

**TODD PULLEY AND SHAFTING WORKS,** St. Clair Avenue & Vandalia Line, H. J. Graf, Superintendent.—The Todd Pulley and Shafting Works is an off-shoot from the old St. Louis house established in 1839 and now doing business as the Todds & Stanley Mill Furnishing Company. The Pulley & Shafting Works were started here seven years ago. They cover an area two acres and a half. The foundry, pattern-shop, machine and finishing shops are all under one main roof and in addition there is a boiler and engine house (30 h. p. engine) store and stock warehouses. There are about one hundred workmen employed, the annual pay-roll amounting to between \$45,000 and \$50,000 and the plant melts fifteen tons of iron every day. The main cupula is of forty thousand pounds capacity and the smaller one-fourth of that size. They manufacture all kinds of shafting, pulleys, hangers and gearing make a special feature of big engine wheels. Mr. H. J. Graf, the Superintendent has been connected with the concern for many years, formerly with them in St. Louis; he is a practical foundryman and there is no doubt that his capable management of the working department is no unimportant factor in their present success.

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**SAFETY HOMESTEAD AND LOAN ASSOCIATION**, East St. Louis, Ill., Capital stock, \$50,000,000, John J. McLean, Secy.—The home office is located in the Lovington Building, on Broadway, rooms 303 and 304. This institution was incorporated under the laws of the State in September, 1891, with an authorized capital stock of \$50,000,000 to be issued in shares of \$100 each. The directors are: Paul W. Abt, Prest; First National Bank, B. F. Johnston, Capitalist; E. Lane, Member of Congress, 17th Ill. Dist.; John J. McLean, Ex-Clerk and Re-corder; John W. Griswold, Ex-sheriff. The association is organized on the national plan, and confines its business exclusively to Southern Illinois. It embraces all the most satisfactory features of local savings associations and has the additional advantage of a wider field for both lenders and borrowers; it issues two classes of investment stock, maturing respectively in six or eight years, without membership fees and issuing in successive monthly series. Special certificates of fully prepaid stock are also issued which bear six per cent interest paid semi-annually, and the balance between that interest and such profits as may accrue is credited upon the stock until it reaches the value of \$100 when it may be withdrawn and redeemed in cash. Certificate and transfer fees with one-tenth of one per cent per month on par value of the stock is held to constitute a Guarantee Fund, to be applied wherever necessary in the interests of the Association, for if not required, to be credited to the Loan Fund for the benefit of the stockholders. Loans are made on first mortgage liens on real estate in amounts not to exceed 50 per cent cash value of property and upon stock (not exceeding in this case 90 per cent of its withdrawal value) and are paid in full, any premium being divided into installments and payable at the same time and on the same conditions as the loan itself. The annexed excerpt from the annual statement, published by the State Auditor affords some interesting information and well indicates the solidity and stability of the Association after 36 months operation.

## RESOURCES.

Loans on Real Estate.....	\$56,325 00
Loans on Stock Pledged.....	1,085 00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	1,063 73
Real Estate.....	15,829 59
Delinquent Dues.....	1,625 64
Sundry Accounts Receivable.....	4,942 56
Cash in Treasury.....	1,915 28

Total..... \$82,779 80

## LIABILITIES.

Installments Paid on Stock.....	\$69,348 06
Repayment of Loans.....	6,861 70
Special Deposits.....	1,000 00
Accounts Payable.....	2 50
Profit (undivided).....	5,567 54

Total..... \$82,779 80

No. of shares in force at close of last fiscal year .....	4,902
No. of shares issued during the year.....	2,376
No. of shares withdrawn during the year.....	1,661
No. of shares in force this date .....	5,616

Mr. John J. McLean, the gentleman upon whom the active burden of the business management devolves has been in business in our city six years. He is a native of New Jersey and resident now in Hillsboro, Ill., where he was two years County Treasurer and eight years Clerk of the Circuit Court. He was chiefly instrumental in the organization of the Association, and many of its original features were evolved from his wide experience in matters of finance and suggested by that sagacity which has been characteristic of his business career.

**DR. J. L. MCQUOWN**, Dentist, Commercial Building, 208 Collinsville Avenue.—In touching upon the professional interests of the city, we mention the name of Dr. J. L. McQuown who has recently succeeded to the dental practice of Dr. Canine now gone to St. Louis, Mo. Dr. McQuown, who is a native of East Tennessee, received his literary education at the Masonic Institute, Taylerville, Tenn., and later at Emery & Henry Col-

lege, Washington County, Va., whence he graduated as A. M.; he then entered the Baltimore Dental College and afterwards graduated at the Ohio Dental College in Cincinnati in 1887. He first established himself in practice in Flora, Clay Co., Ill., where he remained for twelve years and still keeps a branch office; during his residence there he was supervisor of Clay City township. Dr. McQuown has already established his position as a gentleman of marked ability and is gaining friends on every side; his personal characteristics, and cultivated taste command him very strongly to the social circles of our city. He enjoys some distinction as a speaker; "Drunkenness, a disease not a crime" is a favorite theme upon which he has frequently lectured, and on the delivery of which he has been complimented by such competent critics as Col. Ingersol and Col. "Bob" Taylor of Kentucky. Dr. McQuown is also General Traveling Agent for this district for the American Benevolent Association.

**JOHN B. LOVINGSTONE**—Born in Germany, Mr. Lovingstone has been a resident in East St. Louis since 1857, and was one of the first to hold the Mayor's office after her incorporation as a city in 1865. He was many years in the lumber business and owned two yards, one of which on the River front was destroyed by fire a few years ago; the other is now operated by the East St. Louis Lumber Company. Latterly he has given most of his attention to the management of his real estate interests which are very extensive; the Lovingstone addition is one of the finest residence properties in the city and has been splendidly laid out, its streets all graded and planted with shade trees at Mr. Lovingstone's own expense. He himself has a very beautiful home in Brighton Place. A little over two years ago Mr. Lovingstone set an example, which others have since followed, by erecting a splendid business block upon East Broadway. It is one of the imposing buildings in the city, built of stone and brick, 197 feet high, comprising four stories and basement, with a street frontage of 121 feet by 90 feet deep. It was completed at a cost of about \$80,000, and in all its details, in fittings and equipment embodies the most modern ideas of a perfect office building. It is constructed throughout upon fire proof principles, is well ventilated and is complete in every respect, with steam heat, electric light, two passenger elevators and freight elevator in the rear. The street floor is divided into four stores, the 2nd and 3rd floors are offices and top floor lodge rooms. The block is an important feature in the growth of the town.

**SILVER MOON LUNCH ROOM**, B. M. Lead, Proprietor 322 Broadway.—One of the most select restaurants in East St. Louis is the Silver Moon of which Mr. B. M. Lead is the genial and enterprising proprietor. It enjoys an excellent location at 322 Broadway, opposite the Adele Building and is provided with both lunch counter and dining tables. Everything is gotten up in first-class style and promptly served, either in regular meals or upon the short-order system; the rooms are open night and day. In the seasonable months oysters are made a specialty and you can get,

Oysters raw and oysters roasted,  
Oysters steamed and oysters toasted,  
Oysters panfried and oysters pied.  
Oysters stewed and oysters fried.  
At the "Silver Moon" you'll always strike them  
Served in any style you like them.

Mr. Lead is a native of Carroll County and was engaged with the Western Union Telegraph Co. previous to opening this house three years ago.

**MRS. A. CELLA**, Florist and Millinery; 345 Collinsville Avenue.—This is the only establishment of its kind in East St. Louis and it is one that would do credit to a larger city. The business was started nine years ago and until last fall when a millinery department was added, was conducted exclusively as a florist's; the store at 345 Collinsville Ave. is quite large and handsomely fitted, and, naturally, considering the character of the stock, always presents a most attractive appearance. Flowers and growing plants for all purposes of house and table decoration, for weddings, receptions, dinners, and so on are kept on hand and cut flowers, bouquets, wreaths, etc., are furnished on

short notice. Much of the stock comes from Eastern and Northern nurseries though those closer at hand are likewise well represented and it is constantly replenished with fresh supplies. The house has a good and growing custom including all the best people of the community; the new venture (the millinery department) is proving notably successful for, in this as in the others, Mrs. Cella's well known taste and skill secures readily a liberal patronage.

**CELLA'S CAFE,** 357 Collinsville Ave.—All cities pride themselves in the possession of popular places of public resort where gentlemen can meet and enjoy the amenities of social life untrammeled by its conventionalities. One of the handsomest places in this respect in East St. Louis is that which is known as Cella's Cafe, at 357 Collinsville Avenue. It was opened about nine months ago by Mr. Alexander Cella, who had a similar but not so handsome establishment in another part of the town for two years previously; besides securing a splendid location and having the premises fitted up in a most attractive style, he also furnished it with a first-class stock of wines, liquor and cigars. Mr. Cella is a native of this city and for some years was in business engaged as a manufacturer and dealer in confectionery and dealer in fruits; he is a thorough-going business man and has built up a lucrative enterprise.

**ST. LOUIS LOAN AND INVESTMENT CO., OF EAST ST. LOUIS;** Capital Stock \$5,000,000.00; 12 Collinsville Avenue. The most prominent factor in the development of modern society is the system of co-operative saving instituted under the name of building and loan associations. This company has discarded the form commonly in use and has adopted a more correct title than most institutions of like character. The St. Louis Loan & Investment Company of East St. Louis was organized in August 1893, on the lines of a national institution, chartered under the very stringent laws of Illinois governing building and loan associations and confines its operations entirely to this State. It is a strictly mutual company in which every shareholder has an equal voice in the management and an equal share in the profits. Local Boards are established in places where sufficient stock is subscribed to warrant it and all money paid in by the members of such Boards is loaned at that point, if local demand exists for it. The plan of the Company's operations was adopted after careful study of the leading systems in vogue, eliminating all objectionable features retaining what seemed desirable and adding to them such improvements as the experience of the management could suggest. Five classes of stock are issued, any of which may be taken at any time without payment of back dues:



NORMAN J. COLMAN.

- Class A. Investors stock
- " B. Borrowers & Investors Stock
- " C. Dividend-bearing Installment stock
- " D. Prepaid interest-bearing stock
- " E. Full paid or deposit stock.

In the loan department, members may borrow by pledging their stock as collateral for not over 90 per cent of the withdrawal value, or on real estate in amounts not exceeding 60 per cent cash value of the property. In its printed literature the Com-

pany fully sets forth its plans and contracts and to this we would refer our interested readers. The officers and directors are men of unquestioned standing and business integrity; they are: Hon.



JNO. S. SMITH.

Norman J. Colman, President, Ex-C. S. Secretary, Agriculture; Proprietor "Colman's Rural World," Hon. J. B. Messick, Vice-President, Attorney, Ex-Member Illinois Legislature. Jno. S. Smith, Secretary, Cashier Holt County (Mo.) Bank. Paul W. Abt, Treasurer, President First National Bank; Hon. W. S. Forman, attorney, Director, M. C., Twenty-first District of Illinois. E. S. Montgomery, Director; formerly with Holt County (Mo.) Bank. J. N. Lindley, Director, General Agent. Messick & Rhoades, Attys. and Title Examiners. E. S. Montgomery is the Asst. Secy., and upon his shoulders the active burden of the daily business rests; although a comparatively young man he has had an extensive training in the Holt County, Mo., Bank and more recently with a leading building and loan association in St. Louis. The offices of the company are at 12 Collinsville Avenue and the First National Bank, the combined capital and surplus of which is \$120,000.00 is the depository for its funds.

**NATIONAL STOCK YARDS, IL.**—The geographical position of St. Louis in relation to those parts of the South and Southwest in which are large areas devoted to stock raising, brought her into intimate connection with this line of industry. In all its branches and a livestock market was naturally established here. For long however, it suffered for want of adequate facilities for the receipt and distribution of live stock. In 1873, thanks to the foresight of some men of the city, in conjunction with Eastern capitalists and a firm of New York stock dealers, the St. Louis National Stock Yards Company was called into existence. The company was capitalized at \$1,000,000, which has since been increased to \$2,500,000. To obtain benefit of better railroad facilities and with the advantage of being able to secure a sufficient area of land upon more favorable terms than in the vicinity of St. Louis, the stock yards were located this side of the river and while they form an important factor in the growth of East St. Louis, they are not to be claimed as belonging particularly among her business interests any more than among those of the sister city in Missouri, but stand upon an entirely independent basis. The yards are located just outside the corporation limits of East St. Louis, lying to the Northwest of the city, the property consisting of 658 acres. Among the agreements of the purchase was a covenant that in consideration of the erection by the company of a first-class hotel, to cost not less than \$100,000 and in the understanding that yards equal in importance to any existing in the country were to be established, the city relinquished any rights of entrance upon the company's survey for the purpose of making streets, alleys or encroaching in anyway whatever. They were fortunate in the selection of the ground, which is level and so well above the flood-line as to be not only safe from any harmful high water contingencies, but even the sewers remain unpinned at all times or under any conditions. The yards proper occupy

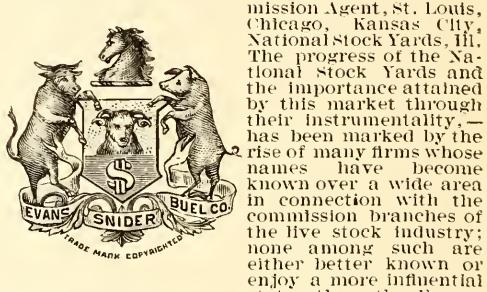
something near 150 acres, the balance of the ground being taken up with switches and sidings of the railroads and about twenty-one miles of railway owned and operated by the company themselves. They have accommodation for 15,000 cattle, 10,000 sheep and 20,000 hogs. The company are now erecting new buildings to form a permanent part of the yards, for the sale and exchange of horses and mules. Four stables, each 100x300 feet area, are being provided and there will be a quarter mile track for speeding. The yards are rectangular in form and are laid out with four main paved avenues and a large number of intersecting streets all kept in splendid order by a very fine system of sewerage. The yards company employs about a hundred and twenty-five men and along with these the commission houses and their numerous employees form an important community. The Live Stock Exchange, an organization for the promotion and development of the live stock industry in all of its branches, maintains its office here and the Exchange Building forms the hub of the business interests of the yards. The Stock Yard Branch, chartered under the laws governing State Banks and doing business with a capital stock of \$100,000 and a surplus of \$160,000 is to be found on the first floor of the building; the commission men, buyers, forwarding agents, railroad live stock agents, government and association inspectors make their offices here and here also is maintained the National Stock Yards Post-Office, Western Union and Postal Telegraph Company's offices and the publishing office and press-rooms of the official organ of the yards. The National Live Stock Reporter, a daily paper with a circulation of some ten thousand, reaching all the producers and shippers in Missouri and Southern Illinois, Arkansas, Texas and the Indian Territory. Adjoining the yards is the National Hotel, owned by the Stock Yards Company. The charges at the yards are as follows: Yardage—Cattle, 25 cents per head; hogs, 8 cents per head; sheep, 5 cents per head. Corn and hay are sold at retail in such quantities as are needed, at fixed prices, the amount fed being left entirely at the option of the shipper or his agent. Water is furnished free and the yardage is payable only if a sale is effected on this market. With the increase and development of all classes of business enterprise, in the surrounding territory, the importance of this market as a centre of consumption is being steadily augmented and as an intermediate market it has for years been as steadily coming into wide favor. Several arguments for shipping stock to this point are convincingly plain and direct. Besides having a strong local competition, being in such proximity to the greater market at Chicago, this market keeps in close touch with the state of trade there and prices are apt to rule accordingly, the company's claim that prices made here are in full equity with or better than those of other markets is something more than an empty boast. Stock shipped here and ordered out can be sent on and reach Chicago or the seaboard sooner and at less cost than by any other intermediary and if killed here and re-shipped as dress products the conditions are more favorable still, a saving in both shrinkage and in charges makes a difference in the net worth to the shipper which contrasts very favorably with the result that would obtain in case of direct shipment to Chicago. The shipper to St. Louis incurs no risk and no additional expense, he can try this market and if unsatisfied with its prices can run his stock into Chicago without any extra charge having been incurred and with no more delay necessarily than at an ordinary feed station and it is worth noting too that as most trains from the West get in early morning the whole day is available, if necessary, to thoroughly test the market. Last year, 1894, was the best all round year in the trade, a larger number of stock having been received and sold than in any previous year; the number of cars of stock received show an increase of 2,778 over 1893. Cattle receipts did not reach the highest notch of the market, 1893 having been the banner year, with a total of 756,485 head, but they were higher than in any of the other years since the opening of the yards and the sales were amongst the largest. Sheep showed a decrease in receipts but more were sold than in any former year and at no time had the market more than it could handle; the

demand for home consumption, consequent upon an increased slaughtering capacity was unusually strong. Receipts of hogs showed an increase of 270,000 head over 1893 and the aggregate was the highest mark reached since, the demand was always ahead of supply and prices were well maintained. Important orders from the East, a section that gives close attention to this hog market, had frequently during last season to be left unsatisfied because of insufficient supply. The following is a statement of receipts for twenty-one years: Receipts for the first two months of this year as compared with the corresponding period of 1894 show an increase in each class of stock and the outlook, at the present writing, is extremely favorable that this rate of progress will be maintained.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Receipts to date '95.....	123,542	225,791	52,678
Same period last year.....	102,014	220,771	40,909
Increase this year.....	21,528	5,020	11,769
Decrease this year.....			

Associated with the yards are packing houses of Swift & Co., Nelson Morris & Co., and the East St. Louis Packing Co., taking 12,000 cattle, 12,000 sheep and 25,000 hogs every week and employing 1,200 hands.

EVANS-SNIIDER-BUEL CO., Live Stock Commission Agent, St. Louis, Chicago, Kansas City, National Stock Yards, Ill.



The progress of the National Stock Yards and the importance attained by this market through their instrumentality,—has been marked by the rise of many firms whose names have become known over a wide area in connection with the commission branches of the live stock industry; none among such are either better known or enjoy a more influential status than the Evans-Sniider-Buel Company which, since its inauguration, six years ago, has attained to the front rank of the trade. This company is the outgrowth from the old firm of Hunter, Evans & Co. Many of the old force were included in the personnel of the new concern. The headquarters are at the National Stock Yards, with offices at the Union Stock Yards, Chicago, and the Kansas City Stock Yards. Mr. M. P. Buel is President, Mr. C. A. Snider, Vice-President; Col. Andy J. Snider, Treasurer; Mr. A. T. Atwater, Secretary; with Messrs. T. Jeff. Daniel and G. M. Walden making up the Directorate, and Hon. H. M. Pollard, of St. Louis, is general counsel. Mr. Buel is in charge at Chicago, Mr. Chester A. Snider at Kansas City, and Mr. Atwater is manager of the headquarters office here. The working capital of the company is nearly \$400,000 with an individual responsibility of over \$1,000,000, and an available credit of twice that amount. Their annual business figures up over \$20,000,000.

Turning for a moment to the local office, to which our attention is particularly directed, we would emphasize the fact that those who are actively concerned in its conduct are gentlemen of experience, having a thoroughly mature knowledge of the trade and devote their whole energy to the work, taking a personal supervision of all business with which they are entrusted. Mr. Atwater has been connected with the business fourteen years, prior to which he was for some time on the ranges of Texas, studying and learning the business, as it is handled on the ranches, and during part of the time was Secretary of the National Cattle and Horse Growers' Association of the United States, in St. Louis, Mo. He has always been prominent in movements looking to the improvement of the live stock interests of this market.

Mr. T. Jeff. Daniel, one of the directors, is in charge of the cattle departments. He is sustained by a practical experience in the trade, covering more than twenty years. While maintaining intact old connections, they are steadily extending the scope of the business. They are prompt to use

their large cash reserves by making the necessary advances required by feeders and shippers. Fortified by experience and with such facilities for the advantageous prosecution of the business, the company has, by strict attention to every detail and undeviating fidelity to every trust, acquired a prominence in the live stock commission line which is as remarkable as it is thoroughly deserved.

**H. R. ARNOLD & CO.,** Live Stock Purchasing Agents, National Stock Yards.—A competent and thoroughly reliable firm, doing business at the National Stock Yards, as live stock purchasing agents, is that of H. R. Arnold & Co., which has had an active career extending over the past ten years. They do a general order trade, making a special feature of purchasing hogs for shipment to Eastern points. Mr. Arnold acts as buyer for quite a number of leading packing and slaughtering establishments in New York, Jersey City, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Cincinnati and Chicago. He is an excellent judge of stock possessing mature experience, full knowledge of the supply and demand and current ruling prices in various markets and is a regular and often a heavy buyer. Mr. Arnold who now makes his home in East St. Louis, was formerly resident in Missouri engaged in raising and shipping stock; later he was connected with some railroad interests and has followed his present avocation for upwards of fourteen years. In his purchases he is guided by a sound discretion, buying upon a safe basis in which there is little of the speculative element, and is backed by ample resources and facilities which enable him to command the market when on the track of the class of stock he wants. He attends to the transaction of commissions with which he is charged in a prompt and satisfactory manner and has built up a splendid connection through which he enjoys a prosperous business.

**GODAIR, HARDING & CO.,** Live Stock Commission Merchants, National Stock Yards.—This firm composed of Mr. W. H. Godair and his sons Messrs. A. G. Godair and F. J. Godair and Mr. C. E. Harding, was formed ten years ago and originally maintained its headquarters at Chicago; four years ago they removed to this place and now conduct the office at the National Stock Yards as a branch house. They hold a prominent position among leading live stock firms of this market, and do a very large business, sustaining themselves in very favorable relations with an extensive constituency. All the members of the firm are practical and capable salesmen; particularly the seniors, who enjoy a mature and extensive experience. They give their personal attention to all stock consigned to them at the yards, and spare neither effort nor pains to faithfully and satisfactorily execute every commission with which they are charged. They are reliable and responsible, prompt to answer by wire or letter all enquiries regarding the state of the market and business generally, and are equally punctual in the accurate rendition of account sales. All classes of stock are handled; hogs, sheep, native and Texas cattle and consignments of any kind receive immediate attention at the hands of capable assistants on arrival at the yards.

**BROWN, GREEN & CO.,** Live Stock Commission Merchants; office, No. 43 New Exchange Building, National Stock Yards, Ill.—Prominent among recent accessions to the live stock commission interests at the National Stock Yards the firm of Brown, Green & Co. must be included in our sketches of the trade. This house was established in September of last year, the co-partnership comprising Mr. C. C. Brown and Mr. J. D. Green. Mr. Brown, who is cattle salesman for the firm, has been engaged in commission business ten years, and was in the firm of Brown, Barber & Co.; prior to that he was engaged in raising and shipping cattle in Missouri. Mr. Green acts as cashier of the concern; he was formerly superintendent of the Iron Mountain Farm at Iron Mountain, Mo., and was likewise engaged in shipping cattle to a considerable extent. Mr. L. B. Brown assists Mr. Green in the office and finance department. They are doing an exclusive commission business, and will make it their endeavor to secure for their customers the last cent that the market will bear. In every branch of the business—minor as well as larger details—they act upon the principle that personal service will be most satisfactory to their constitu-

ents, and spare neither time nor pains in the conscientious fulfillment of all commissions with which they are charged.

**WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.,** Jere. J. Linnehan, manager, National Stock Yards. One of the most important factors in the conduct of business at the National Stock Yards is the Western Union Telegraph Company, whose office, under Jere. J. Linnehan, handles a really enormous volume of business. The bulk of business goes to interior points; Missouri, Indian Territory, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and Illinois. The working force of the office embraces four operators and three messengers, and the promptness with which messages are dispatched or delivered is a matter of much favorable comment. Mr. Linnehan, who is a native of Alabama, entered the telegraph company's service at this place in 1872, and has worked his way up from messenger to manager right here at the stock yards office. His active methods, able conduct of the office, and courtesy, render him an important factor in the business interests of the yards.

**WHITE & WILLIAMS,** Live Stock Commission Merchants; Room 26, New Exchange Building, National Stock Yards. Both members of this firm are practical men of mature experience in the business. Mr. C. E. White is a native of Centralia, Ill., in the neighborhood of which he was for several years engaged in raising and shipping stock; he has been located at the yards six years and connected with the Western Live Stock Commission Co. and their hog and sheep salesman, prior to the formation of this co-partnership in 1892. Mr. Wash Williams who controls the native and Texas cattle branch of the business came here three years ago from Rogers, Ark.; he also brings a mature experience to bear on the business. The firm are prompt to answer letters and telegrams with information as to the state of the markets and equally prompt in the rendition of account sales and return of proceeds. Mr. Chas. Caudle, Cashier of the firm attending to the financial arrangements in an eminently satisfactory manner.

**JOSEPH HAWSON,** Farrier; shop opposite the White House, in the National Stock Yards.—Mr. Joseph Hawson, who has conducted a farrier's business for the past ten years, at his present stand, opposite the White House, in the National Stock Yards, is thoroughly posted in the diseases to which a horse is subject and all his shoeing is done in a scientific and perfectly workmanlike manner. When intrusted to him, horses are soon relieved from corns, interfering, torging, sand-crack and similar troubles and as he does all his work very carefully and conscientiously; the finest stock may be placed in Mr. Hawson's hands with all confidence. He gives particular attention to saddle, trotting and driving stock, also shoes work and draft horses with special regard to the conditions under which they have to perform their work and guarantees everything for thirty days. Born in Yorkshire, England, Mr. Hawson was raised in the heart of a horse-breeding country and learned his trade under every advantage; when he came first to the State thirteen years ago he became connected as farrier, with the firm of Sterriker Bros., of Springfield, Ill., well-known importers and breeders. Mr. Hawson has all the genial disposition of a Yorkshire man and has won a host of friends who rely firmly upon both his word and his work.

**POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY,** Thomas E. Scully, Manager; National Stock Yards.—The Postal Telegraph-Cable Company may be congratulated on the fact that it has at the National Stock-Yards a courteous representative in the person of Mr. Thomas A. Scully. Mr. Scully is a native of St. Louis, Mo., where he learned telegraphy; he has been with the Postal-Telegraph Company six years and in charge of the office at the Stock-Yards since 1891. He is quite a young man but possesses qualities of push and sagacity which have enabled him to find his way into the front rank. Under his management the office has been placed in excellent condition; the company's system, reaches all important points in the United States and from the Yards direct wires communicate with the leading live-stock centres. The growing business of the Company may be largely ascribed to Mr. Scully's promptness and reliable methods.

**THE NATIONAL LIVE STOCK REPORTER**, P. H. Hale, Editor & Publisher.—The facilities of the active business community at the National Stock Yards are completed and sustained in their very effective work by the National Live Stock Reporter, devoted exclusively to the trade. It furnishes a record of the transactions of each day, with detailed lists of representative sales and acts as a guide to the whole live stock industry by furnishing full accounts as to the state of the markets and the outlook generally. It was established six years ago and reaches upwards of ten thousand stockmen daily in Southern Illinois, Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas, Indian Territory and Missouri and is a particularly valuable advertising medium from the fact that its main support comes from this very extensive subscription list. Mr. Hale is gifted with a special aptitude for the conduct of this journal and his qualifications are strengthened and sustained by a mature experience gained during nearly twenty years connection with the Texas Live Stock Journal, published at Fort Worth, Texas. He makes a liberal return for the support accorded to his enterprise and spares neither time nor pains to support the National Stock Yards and urge upon the stockmen of every section the claims which St. Louis has upon their consideration, as the second market of the world and the first intermediate distributing point for shipments of cattle, hogs and sheep.

**H. A. CLEM**, Live Stock Agent National Stock Yards, the Wabash Railroad Co.—The various interests connected with the National Stock Yards unite in bearing testimony to the efficiency and uniform courtesy with which Mr. H. A. Clem fulfills the duties of Live Stock Agent for the Wabash. No railroad official has taken more pains or worked with greater discretion in anticipation of his patrons requirements. Mr. Clem, who was born near Paris, Edgar County, Ill., entered his railroad career in the service of the Vandalia line at Terre Haute, Ind., about twenty-five years ago. He after became connected with the Illinois Central, in their Chicago passenger department, from which some twelve years ago he entered the freight department of the Wabash. He was made live stock agent at Chicago and was transferred to this place six years ago when the consolidation of the eastern and western Wabash systems was effected. Mr. Clem's varied experience and natural qualifications have given him special facilities for the discharge of his important duties. During the year just closed he handled 7,000 cars received from the west and shipped out about half that number of cars of live stock and dead freight for eastern points. He is a resident of East St. Louis, holding important real estate interests.

**G. F. HERRIOTT & CO.**, Live Stock Purchasing Agents.—This firm buy regularly and often heavily all kinds of stock chiefly on order for shipment to packers and slaughterers at Eastern or Seaboard points. The firm, which is composed of Mr. G. F. Herrriott and Mr. R. M. Herrriott, was established here four years ago and one year later opened a branch at Kansas City of which Mr. R. M. Herrriott proceeded to take charge, while the senior member remained here. Mr. G. F. Herrriott has had twenty-five years experience in the live stock commission business and was engaged in that line in his own town of Indianapolis for over fifteen years. He is an experienced buyer, endowed with intelligent judgment and extensive knowledge of stock values. He uses the same care whether buying on orders or for his own account. Figures are not at hand to show the extent of Mr. Herrriott's purchases during the year just closed, but in the previous season 322,654 head of cattle, hogs, sheep and calves passed through his hands.

**DRUMM-FLATO COMMISSION CO.**; Live Stock Salesmen and Brokers; National Stock Yards Ill. W. B. Stickney, Manager; C. G. McFall and Wesley Irons, Cattle Salesmen; R. B. Tarlton and W. H. Coy, Hog Salesmen.—An important accession made to the live stock commission interests at the National Stock Yards, during the year just closed, was effected in the establishment of a branch house of the well-known Drumm-Flato Commission Co., of Kansas City and Chicago. This is an incorporated Company. Mr. A. Drumm is President, Mr. F. W. Flato, Jr., Vice-President and W. J. Ewart, Secretary. The capital of the

company is \$200,000.00 and the extended experience of those having in charge its management has enabled the house to do very effective work in the interests and to the profits of a long list of customers. The headquarters of the concern are at Kansas City. The St. Louis house is under the genial management of W. B. Stickney, with C. G. McFall, Wesley Irons and W. H. Coy as cattle salesmen and R. B. Tarlton to look after the interests of hog shippers. These gentlemen are gifted with an aptitude for the requirements of the business and possess a mature experience gained in years of service and at their hands the affairs of the Company and the interests of its patrons receive faithful and conscientious attention. Although new in this field the house handled during 1894 forty-five hundred cars of cattle, hogs and sheep of which the gross sales aggregated over three million dollars. All the elements and qualifications which go to make up a splendidly equipped business house are found to prevail throughout the working force of this branch and it certainly deserves the large and ever increasing business which it has acquired.

**C. M. KEYS & CO.**, Commission Live Stock Merchants; National Stock Yards.—Among those commission houses which have been most closely identified with history of the National Stock Yards, that which is named above takes a prominent place. The present firm of C. M. Keys and Co., has been in existence since 1890 only, but the business was carried on, under the same style, by the senior member alone from the inauguration of the Yards in 1873. Previous to that time he had for eight years been operating as a buyer in other markets. Mr. Hugo Minn, the other member of the firm has also had a life experience in the business, dating his first connection with stock interests from 1857 when he was engaged in shipping cattle; he acts as cattle salesmen for the house, while Mr. Keys gives attention to hogs and sheep. They have a branch office at Kansas City and at the Union Stock Yards, Chicago.

**ELMER McGRAW**, Live Stock Agent; Toledo, St. Louis and Kansas City R. R., National Stock Yards.—A capable and obliging railroad official is found in the person of Mr. Emler McGraw, Live Stock Agent of the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City Railroad. Mr. McGraw, who was born and raised in East St. Louis, began his railroad career in the service of the St. Louis Freight Commission, with which he was connected for eight years and was appointed to his present position in 1891. He has been able to maintain an excellent connection for the T. St. L. & K. C., over which during the year 1894 he shipped 225 cars of live-stock and 1314 cars or dressed beef for eastern and seabound points. Mr. McGraw is an active member of the order of Knights of Pythias.

**F. W. BANGERT**, Live Stock Agent; National Stock Yards; Chicago & Alton R. R. Co.—The Chicago & Alton Railroad Company have an energetic representative in F. W. Bangert. With fifteen years experience in railway business Mr. Bangert is at home with the duties of his present office. A native of Madison County, Ills. he entered the service of the Big Four, with whom he remained until he had risen to the position of Chief Clerk at Warm Station; he was appointed Live Stock Agent for the C. & A. at this place four years ago. He looks after the interests of his company in a most satisfactory manner and is always on the spot to secure the road a full share of whatever business may be going. There were 6120 cars live stock sent out during 1894, via. Chicago & Alton R. R.

**OSCAR SEVERANCE**, Live Stock Agent, Vandalia Line, National Stock Yards.—In Oscar Severance the Vandalia has an efficient live stock agent and a reliable representative at the National Stock Yards. Mr. Severance, who is originally from New York, was engaged in steamboating on the Mississippi for many years, later was concerned in several interior mail-route contracts and entered railroad service fifteen years ago as Live Stock Agent for the Nickelplate at Indianapolis. Five years ago he accepted an invitation to act for the Vandalia Line in the same capacity at the National Stock Yards. He has been able to make a valuable connection for his company while his personal qualities command the esteem and regard of a wide circle of friend.

**LITTLE & BRODERICK**, Live Stock Commission Merchants, Room No. 29 Exchange Building, National Stock Yards, Ill.—This firm, composed of Mr. W. D. Little and Mr. W. J. Broderick, was formed ten years ago and give their personal attention to all stock consigned to their charge and the manner in which they execute the commissions entrusted to them, commends the house to a large and influential connection. They are prepared to handle all classes of live stock, but if anything make a specialty of native cattle; Mr. Broderick looks chiefly after the interests of hog shipper while Mr. Little handles the cattle and sheep departments. Mr. Little, who belongs to this State, is an old hand at the stock business; he was first engaged in the commission business at the old North Missouri Yards and has been located on this side of the river for twenty years. Mr. Broderick hails originally from Prince Edward Island and was raised there, but has spent the great part of his life in this section; he was doing a commission business at the Allen Yards in St. Louis for several years prior to the opening of the National Yards. Since taking up residence in East St. Louis he has taken an active part in politics as a member of the state and County Democratic Central Committees. He has recently been appointed Postmaster at the National Stock Yards. For eight years Mr. Broderick was Secretary of the Live Stock Exchange and last fall was elected President of that body; he was Chairman of the Committee recently sent to Washington to urge on behalf of the live stock interests the immediate repeal of the sugar tax.

**STEWART & OVERSTREET**, Live Stock Commission Merchants, National Stock Yards, Ill.—This firm are successors to Cash, Stewart & Overstreet established in 1884, the present Co-partnership comprising Mr. R. B. Stewart and Mr. E. B. Overstreet. Mr. Stewart, who was born in Mississippi, has been in the business twenty-six years and there is no better salesman in the native cattle division of the yards, to which he devotes his attention. Mr. Overstreet is cattle salesman in the Texas division, acting for the Texas Live Stock Commission Co., of which he is Vice-President and is ably assisted by his son, Mr. E. E. Overstreet. He is a native of the Old Dominion State, but was raised in Montgomery County, Mo., and was engaged in buying and shipping cattle for sometime prior to 1873, in which year he entered the live stock commission business. Mr. C. O. Hess assists Mr. Stewart in selling native cattle and Mr. Z. A. Moore is hog and sheep salesman. The faithful attention which these gentlemen pay to their patrons has secured for the firm a high standing with stockmen throughout the West and Southwest. Branch offices are maintained at the Union Stock Yards, Chicago and at Kansas City.

**TEXAS LIVE STOCK COMMISSION CO.**, National Stock Yards, East St. Louis, Ill.—The Texas Live Stock Commission Company was organized five years ago for the purpose of doing a commission business in the sale of Texas stock exclusively. It is incorporated under the laws of this State, with \$100,000 capital, maintaining its headquarters in Chicago where its affairs are under the direction of Mr. Thos. B. Lee, President and Manager and Mr. A. A. Waiters, Secretary. Mr. E. B. Overstreet, of the firm of Stewart & Overstreet, is Vice-President and its representative at the National Stock Yards, attending in person to all sales of cattle in the quarantining division consigned to this company. These gentlemen are practical and experienced live stock merchants and have every facility for securing the best possible return for the interests committed to their charge. Besides offices at the Union Stock Yards in Chicago and the local house, a branch is also maintained at Kansas City, so that patrons of the Company have the choice of an intermediate market or can order their stock to the greater, should the market differences be in favor of the latter.

**T. M. CARTER**, Confectioner, 311 Collinsville Av.—One of the most attractive and handsomely appointed stores in this part of the city is that of Mr. T. M. Carter, on the ground floor of the Music Hall. Mr. Carter made his bow to the people of East St. Louis in the capacity of a confectioner in 1892; since that time he has been forced by his grow-

ing custom to increase his stock and enlarge his facilities, until he now has as fine an establishment as there is on this side of the river. He occupies two floors, the first as store and ice cream parlor and the basement for manufacturing purposes; three persons are employed in the house under the vigorous management and direction of the proprietor himself. In the confectionery department business is retail while that of ice-cream is wholesale and retail. As a musician, Mr. Carter is well known; he came here from his native town, Mt. Vernon, Ill., some four years ago or more and engaged as a professional musician and instructor of cornet and violin. He was at one time connected with the orchestra in the Opera House here and in the Standard Theatre across the river and now has a splendid band of his own, ranging from ten to twenty pieces, which furnishes magnificent music to the people of East St. Louis on many occasions. Mr. Carter belongs to the order of the A. O. U. W. and the Musicians' League.

**THE "EAST ST. LOUIS REPUBLICAN"**—The "East St. Louis Republican" is a weekly newspaper owned by the "Republican Co.", H. F. Bader, President; D. L. Sage, Treasurer and E. J. Eggmann, Secretary and published at 307 Missouri Avenue, by Hursey & Davis, Printers. Mr. E. J. Eggmann is in charge of the editorial department. The "Republican" was established in September, 1894 and took a prominent part in the memorable political campaign of 1894 as a fearless exponent of republican principles.

**J. J. GAIN**, Groceries, Queensware, Etc., 316 Missouri Av.—For the past eight years Mr. J. J. Gain has been connected with the grocery business in this city and since September, 1893, has been established upon his own account. He occupies convenient premises, a few doors west of the Post-Office the store being both neat and commodious. He deals principally at retail, wholesale to some extent and being experienced as to the best sources of supply keeps his stock constantly replenished with fresh reliable goods. The principal lines embrace fine teas and coffees, spices, flour, canned and bottled goods, condiments, table delicacies; cured meats and a diversified assortment of grocers' sundries, while eggs, butter, cheese and other country produce are also always in stock, brought at first hand. He has a large local and suburban trade and works four assistants and two wagons. Mr. Gain was born and raised in St. Clair County and since taking up residence in this city has identified himself fully with her best interests.

**G. F. ETZKORN**, Dealer in Meats and Vegetables, 317 Broadway—Mr. Etzkorn established his business five years ago and his market presents a busy and animated appearance at all times. The stock of meats, fresh and salt, is constantly replenished and in the line of vegetables, poultry and game the house is always in a position to meet, in proper season, whatever demands are made upon it. Three people are employed in the store and with two wagons, Mr. Etzkorn has facilities for making prompt deliveries and will make calls upon patrons for their orders when so desired. Business is chiefly on retail lines, but some wholesale and jobbing trade is also maintained; in all its branches the store has a good custom which keeps up a steady and satisfactory growth. Mr. Etzkorn is a native of Iowa, but was brought up in St. Louis, in which city he learned his trade, and was afterwards engaged in business for seven years. Since coming to live on this side of the river he has won recognition as a live merchant and useful citizen.

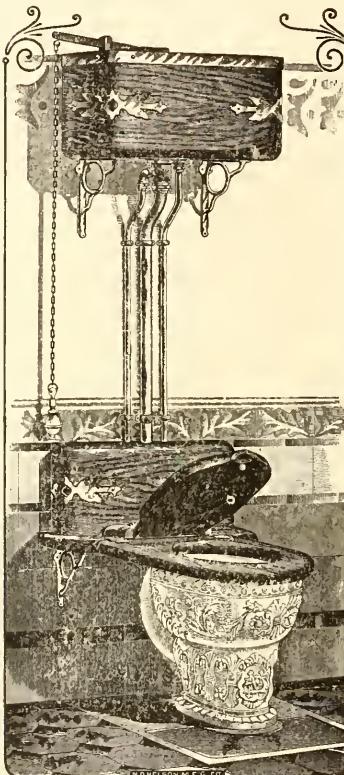
**SHEILD'S PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO**.—The finest photographic work in this section is to be found in East St. Louis at Sheild's studio. This business was established something less than two years ago by Mr. C. H. Sheilds, native of West Virginia, but twenty-two years resident in Illinois. Mr. Sheilds learned his trade in Edina, Mo., and was for some time proprietor of a gallery in Greenville, Ills.; for the few years prior to his coming to St. Louis, he was located in Sioux Falls, S. D. The premises comprise a commodious suite of five rooms in the Commercial Building at 208 Collinsville Ave., handsomely furnished, and the work-rooms are

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equipped in first-class fashion, with all facilities for prompt and perfect service. Mr. Shields is his own operator, employing three assistants in the finishing and retouching departments; considerable attention is given also to crayon, ink and water-color. Mr. S. is a member of the Photographers' Association of America, and also belongs to the Odd Fellows and Pythian fraternities. He has recently introduced the process of "flashlight" pictures, by which means sitings and balls and wedding parties can be taken at night.

EAST ST. LOUIS PLUMBING CO., Wm. Meeker,

manager, at 12 Collinsville Ave. The subject matter of Sanitary plumbing has been closely investigated in recent years by men of ability. The trade in this line, in East St. Louis, received a desirable accession, in the East St. Louis Plumbing Co., — recently established as successor to Mr. M F Finn — Mr. Meeker (the manager, here), was born in East St. Louis and raised, also, in that city, but he learned his trade across the river; for a few years past Mr. M. has worked in the other shops in East St. Louis, plumbing, gasfitting, steam fitting, and sewerage; he is thoroughly first-class as a workman in all



branches of the business. The company deals, also, in hydrants, pumps, water-closets, bathtubs, and re-bronzes and repairs gas and other fixtures. They are presently employing ten men. The parties interested are men of energy, and besides looking after established connections of the old business, are pushing out into new fields, and will soon have an extended list of patrons from all parts of the town.

CHRIST ROHM, Dealer in Fresh, Salted and Smoked Meats; 114 Collinsville Avenue.—This market has been established for more than twenty-five years and its standing has been well sustained by the present vigorous management. The store is neatly appointed and exceedingly well kept; four people are employed in the house and two delivery wagons are kept busy. A native of Germany Mr. Rohm crossed the ocean a good many years ago and for a long time has been a prominent resident of this city; he served three separate terms on the Board of Alderman, representing first the Fourth and more recently the Seventh Ward. He is a member of the Ancient Craft of Masonry, Knight Templar of the Tancrede Commandery No. 50. In the management of the business he is ably seconded by his son, William L. Rohm, who was born and raised in this city.

EAST ST. LOUIS JOURNAL, Official Paper of the City of East St. Louis.—The Journal was founded in 1890 by Mr. Jas. W. Kirk and shortly afterwards taken over by a Stock Company in which he is a large shareholder Frank P. Fox & Co. Publishers. The Journal is a six-page, six-column sheet, printed in clear legible type and the press-work reflects the highest credit upon the mechanical department just as much as the exhaustive digest of news, valuable reading matter and clever editorials prove at once the care devoted to it and the ability bestowed upon it by the editor and his staff. It appears every evening and Sunday morning and its issue is anxiously awaited by at least two thousand regular subscribers and is the first and only daily published in the city. The establishment is thoroughly equipped with modern facilities for newspaper publication and for carrying on job-printing; there is one large cylinder press and two fast job-presses driven by a hydraulic motor, 5 h. p. and between the office and printing rooms some twenty-five persons are employed. The publishing department is under the management of Mr. Frank P. Fox a native of St. Louis, Mo., for many years he was at the head of one of the best known job offices in his native city and when he came to East St. Louis three years ago, he brought with him the reputation of being a master in every



JAMES W. KIRK.

branch of typography. Mr. James W. Kirk, the Editor, was born Byron, N. Y.; he was first engaged in reporting and editorial work on the Batavia "Spirit of the Times" and later on the "Union & Advertiser" published at Rochester, New York. After coming to East Louis in 1871 he attached himself to the "Gazette" and at the same time acted as correspondent for the St. Louis Times, the old Missouri Republican and later the Globe-Democrat; he was connected with the Gazette in several capacities, writer, publisher and editor and after severing those relations, established the Daily-Journal in 1890. Mr. Kirk has long been prominent in the city executive; he was Auditor under the old law from 1872 to 1878, from 1879 to 1881 he was librarian of the Public Library his office terminating a short time previous to the destruction of the library and has now been Comptroller of the city since 1887. He is a Director in the Public Library and was largely instrumental in promotion of the splendid new library building now in process of erection. The paper which is the only daily published in East St. Louis is in the front ranks of southern Illinois journalism and is recognised as an intrinsic and valuable part of the community.

**HARLAN DRUG CO.**; 556 Collinsville Avenue.—This now well-known pharmacy established two years ago, gains steadily in the confidence of physicians and residents in this neighborhood. J. M. Harlan, the Manager is a native Greenville, Ills., gained his professional education at the College of Pharmacy in Kansas City, of which he is a graduate. He was engaged in the drug business in Kansas eight years prior to removing to this place. He is manager of the National Drug Exchange in East St. Louis which buys sells and exchanges drug stocks, furnishes situations for drug clerks locations for physicians and manufacturers of medicines.

**MRS. M. KEOUGH, Notions, News & Varieties.**—The neat little notions store kept by Mrs. M. Keough at 429 Collinsville Avenue, has run quietly along for ten years, filling a place in the locality that would be very noticeable were it taken away. Here one can get almost anything in a small way, a paper of needles, a spool of thread, a pound of candy, or a toy for the baby, or the morning paper or latest "Seaside Library" for his father. Mrs. Keough keeps her stock fresh and up-to-date and displays enterprise as well as business tact in anticipating the wants of her trade. A native of Pennsylvania, she has been resident here for thirty-five years with but the intermission of four years which she spent in Deadwood, Dak. The success which Mrs. Keough has met with is an indication of the appreciative spirit in which her enterprise is regarded by the people of this city. Mrs. Keough is general news agent for the leading daily journals of the country and special agent for the "Post Dispatch" for East St. Louis. Among the other journals she handles is the "Chicago Herald," "St. Louis Globe-Democrat" and the "Republic."

**C. M. TISSIER, Staple and Fancy Groceries; 10 N. 3rd St.**—Of the many enterprising stores located in the business centre of the town none are more popular than the retail grocery of Mrs. C. M. Tissier. The business was formerly located in the next block north, where it had been established by the late Maurice F. Tissier, ex-proprietor of the "Herald" and Notary Public. About six months ago Mrs. Tissier secured these desirable premises, where every facility is provided in a compact convenient form for properly handling a good and growing trade. Patronage comes chiefly from the city with some suburban connections; the store gives employment to four of the family and a wagon is in steady requisition calling for and delivering orders. Mrs. Tissier carries a choice stock of groceries and provisions in staple and fancy lines and makes a specialty of fine teas, coffees and spices at the lowest obtainable cash prices, besides a varied assortment the stock offers a wide range as to quality and values, all sound, fresh and reliable goods and calculated to give satisfaction even to the most exacting of customers.

**W. H. HILL LIME & CEMENT CO.**; W. H. Hill, Pres.; H. M. Hill, Sec'y and Treas. Capital \$25,000.—This is an old established concern, which for many years has been prominently identified with the progress of the city. Originally it was conducted under the style of Wm. Hill & Bro., and passed two years ago into the hands of W. H. Hill, son of the senior member of the old firm and on the 1st day of January 1895 the present corporation was formed. Mr. H. M. Hill has been with the business upwards of two years. Building and plastering materials, lime, cement, fire-clay, plaster of paris, hair, sand, tiling, sewer pipe and chimney tops and in hard and soft coal as well, the principal warehouse is at 517 Railroad Avenue and there are four others at various parts of the city, as well as several river barges. Heavy hauling and transshipping is done, also all kinds of grading and filling work and railroad contracts. Bringing a wide and mature experience to bear upon the business, the Messrs Hill are enabled not only to retain established connections but to develop and considerably extend its scope, in the doing of which they have attained an enviable reputation for able management and sound business judgment.

**JOHN W. RENSHAW** 106 N. Main Street; Real Estate, Loans & Insurance.—During the fifteen years that he has been in this line of business, Mr. Renshaw has established a reputation as an authority upon present and prospective values of city and suburban properties, which has led to his being extensively consulted by those who are interested in East St. Louis Real Estate. He does a general real estate business, handling his own interests and acting as agent for non-resident owners and others and is at present giving particular attention to suburban properties for residential purposes, one of the most notable being the Winona Park. In Insurance he represents the



Hartford, N. B. & M., Union, Continental, Manchester, Phoenix of London and St. Paul, combined assets \$100,000,000. Mr. Renshaw was born in Indiana and has lived for fifty years in St. Clair County, thirty of which have been passed in this city. He has an enviable record of efficient public service, ten years Chief of Police, two years a member of the County Board and ten years School Treasurer. Mr. Renshaw is esteemed by all who know him, a goodly number, as a man of high personal character and business qualifications. During the war he served with honor in the 149th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, being Captain of Company "C" and is held in high favor among his comrades of the G. A. R.

**EDWARDS & CORLISS, Attorneys-at-Law;** 108 Collinsville Avenue.—This co-partnership, which was established four years ago, comprises W. W. Edwards, Dean of the Law Department, McKendree College and George L. Corliss. Mr. Edwards, who is a native of Pinckneyville, Perry County has over twenty-five years standing as an Attorney, most of his time having been passed in Nebraska, partly in active practice and for some time as Judge of Circuit Court; he now devotes most of his time to his duties in connection with the College and to the law-school which he and Mr. Corliss conduct together. The school in this city is under college government and qualifies for the regular

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examinations through which students may be admitted to the Bar; they also carry on a night school in St. Louis, Mo., (Laclede Building) which is upon an independent basis. Mr. Corliss was born in Metropolis, Massac County, Ills. and was educated for his profession at McKendree College being admitted to the Bar after graduating there in 1891. He commenced practice in this city & shortly afterwards became associated with Judge Edwards; most of the court practice of the firm devolves upon him and it is conceded by his professional brethren as well as a large circle of clients that he acquires himself well of the duties with which he is charged. With the legal attainments on the part of the senior member and the force and devotion to his profession of the junior, it is not surprising that the business of the firm daily increases.

**THE OAKLAND COAL CO.**, Dealer in Choice Family Coal; 726 Trendley Ave. and Air Line R. R.; E. H. Carson, Prop.—Among important additions to the retail coal trade in East St. Louis we must mention the business inaugurated in August last, by Mr. E. H. Carson under the style of the Oakland Coal Co. He has secured a desirable location for the office. Mr. Carson deals in both hard and soft coal of the better qualities and is making a specialty of family trade, in which he has already worked up a fine connection and a steady increase of patronage has been always perceptible. He is a native of the city and of course has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances and his experience in railroad matters, in which line he was previously engaged, gives him special advantages in the upbuilding of his new enterprise. Diligent attention to his customers' wants and punctual dispatch of orders are the leading principles upon which affairs are being conducted and when based upon such a policy, Mr. Carson cannot fail to achieve a gratifying and permanent success with his new venture.

**F. WIEDULWILT**, Boots and Shoes Made to Order; Repairing neatly done. 741 Collinsville Ave., Near St. Clair Ave.—Those people in this community who desire to secure a comfortable pair of boots or shoes that will stand the test of time and wear can scarcely do better than call upon Mr. F.

Wiedulwilt at 741 Collinsville Avenue. He devotes himself exclusively to a custom trade and to repairs and while doing very careful and substantial work manages to satisfy his customers both as to the quality of the foot wear and the prices charged for the same. Mr. Wiedulwilt is a native of Germany, in which country he learned his trade; he crossed the ocean in 1892 and was located in St. Louis, Mo. until he purchased this business about eight months ago. The shop when he took it over had been running for six years and a wide and well-paying patronage had been secured for it, which the new proprietor shows himself fully equal to retain. He has the genial disposition of his countrymen and has won a number of friends who believe firmly in his work as well as his word.

**BENJ. F. HORN**.—Established forty years ago this business has grown steadily from comparatively small beginnings until to-day it is found in the front ranks of this particular line of trade. Mr. Horn is a manufacturer and dealer in staves, headings and hoops, barrels and general cooperage supplies and is the sole owner of letters patent and manufacturer of the St. Louis Barrel Heater. The office, shops and warehouses are all located here; the cooper shops employ from 125 to 150 men and have a productive capacity of about 12,000 slack and 2,000 tight barrels weekly. Mr. Horn deals very largely in barrel materials and indeed handles the output of more than one factory in Southern Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Arkansas and Missouri and his trade connections reach into every quarter of the Union. He is a native of Missouri and makes his home in St. Louis, but is none the less identified with the business growth and development of this city. In 1890 Mr. Horn's ware houses and plant, including his residence were destroyed by fire, with but limited protection by insurance. Phoenix-like, a new plant was rebuilt upon the same premises and with that courage that characterizes the man of energy the business continued to expand under Mr. Horn's personal supervision and to-day the enterprise holds a position of prominence among the industrial establishments of Southern Illinois.



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